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1	work with Junior Food Mart?	1	training as a hairstylist?
2	 I just went full time at Mayfair and just 	2	A. Yes, sir.
3	I kind of just cut all of that off. It was just	3	Q. Where did you do that?
4	too much.	4	A. At Gibson Beauty College.
5	Q. When you started with Mayfair, were you	5	Q. Located where?
6	on a part-time basis?	6	A. In excuse me West Point,
7	A. No. I guess I said that wrong. I just	7	Q. How long was that course of study?
8	decided to just work at Mayfair instead of all the	8	A. It took 20 months because I had to do it
9	other jobs. It was too much.	9	on part time.
10	Q. I see. All right. Did you have any	10	Q. And did you complete that course of
11	employments before the three that we just talked	11	study?
12	about?	12	A. Yes, sir.
13	A. No, I think that's it.	13	Q. Did you receive a certificate?
14	Q. All right. Tell me your education	14	A. Yes, sir.
15	background. How much schooling did you complete?	15	Q. Are you licensed?
16	 A. I graduated high school. I attended 	16	A. Yes, sir.
17	trade school for about six months.	17	Q. How long have you had a license? This is
18	Q. Let's go a step at a time. What high	18	and we're talking about a state is it a
19	school did you graduate from?	19	cosmetology license or what's the name of it?
20	 A. Noxubee County High School. 	20	A. It's a barber license.
21	Q. And what year did you graduate?	21	Q. Barber? Okay.
22	A. 1985.	22	A. In '94. I got licensed in 1994.
23	Q. And did you graduate after completing 12	23	Q. Have you had that license continuously
24	years?	24	since 1994?
25	A. Yes, sir.	25	A. Yes.
1 2 3 4	Q. All right. And then what did you do after that time in terms of education? You mentioned a trade school. A. I went to trade school. I think it was	1 2 3 4	Q. It never has been suspended or revoked or anything like that?A. No, sir.
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2	with an insurance company?	2	Dr and I'm just going to call him Haider,
3	A. No, sir.	3	H-a-d-e-r, because we don't know the I don't have
4	Q. Let's talk about the diet drugs that you	4	his records. We don't have the correct spelling on
5	have taken during your lifetime. First, let me tell	5	his name. But you'll understand that's who we're
6	you that we have received certain medical records	6	talking about.
7	about you pursuant to the papers filed in this case.	7	A. Okay.
8	And so far as I can tell and I'm going to ask you	8	Q. He's with the Macon Primary Health
9	to correct me if I'm wrong or give me any additional	9	Clinic?
10	information, but based on the records that we have	10	A. Yes.
11	received it looks to me as though the two physicians	11	Q. When did Dr. Haider prescribe diet drugs
12	that you have seen that have prescribed diet drugs	12	to you of any kind?
13	for you of some type are Dr. Douglas L. Conner. And	13	A. I believe I went to him in 1998. 1998.
14	he's apparently in Starkville, Mississippi.	14	Q. Okay. And did you how long did you
15	A. He's deceased now, but	15	see Dr. Haider?
16	Q. Okay. And then the other one would be a	16	A. That was really just a one-time visit.
17	Dr. Edmond C. Henson in Mobile, Alabama.	17	Q. One time?
18	A. Uh-huh.	18	A. Uh-huh.
19	Q. And I'm going to go over both of those	19	Q. And did you go to him for the purpose of
20	with you. But before we do that, do you recall	20	obtaining a diet drug prescription?
21	whether or not any other physician has ever	21	A. Yes.
22	prescribed diet drugs for you?	22	Q. And what diet drug did he prescribe to
23	A. Yes.	23	you?
24	Q. All right. Who is that?	24	A. Phentermines. The phentermines. I think
25	A. Dr. Hadene Hager I think I'm	25	I'm pronouncing it right.
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1	time.	1	Q. You just remember you didn't like him?
2	A. Azalene Chamblee.	2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Chamblee?	3	Q. Okay. When you went to see Dr. Haider in
4	A. Uh-huh. S-h-a-m-i-l-y. I think that's	4	1998, do you remember what your weight was at that
5	right.	5	time?
6	Q. Where does she live?	6	A. No.
7	A. In Macon.	7	Q. According to the records that we obtained
8	Q. Had she also gone to see Dr. Haider?	8	from Dr. Conner you saw him for the first time in
9	A. Yes.	9	February on February 13 of 1992, and you
10	Q. And had also received a diet drug	10	continued to see him on a periodic basis until April
11	prescription?	11	27, of 1995. So approximately three years, from '92
12	A. Yes.	12	to '95, are the medical records that we have. Does
13	Q. And what do you remember about your visit	13	that square with your recollection, Ms. Stallings,
14	with Dr. Haider?	14	as to when you saw Dr. Conner?
15	A. Nothing really.	15	A. Dr. Conner?
16	Q. You don't remember anything about it?	16	Q. Yes.
17	A. No.	17	A. '92 to '95? I believe. I'm not certain.
18	Q. Do you remember what he looks like?	18	I'm not certain of that.
19	A. Yes, I remember what he looks like.	19	Q. Well, does that sound about right?
20	Q. Describe him.	20	A. It sounds about right but I'm not certain
21	A. He's a foreigner. I know that. That's	21	it is.
22	all I know.	22	Q. Sure. Well, let's put it another way.
23	Q. Describe him for me.	23	1995 was nine years ago.
24	A. I can't describe him.	24	A. Uh-huh.
25	Q. Short? Tall?	25	Q. Do you remember seeing Dr. Conner
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1	A. He's tall and dark hair and	1	A. I do remember
2	Q. When you say	2	Q within the last nine years?
3	A. I don't know how to describe his skin	3	A. I do remember seeing him.
4	color, but he's	4	Q. I know you remember seeing him, but I'm
5	Q. When you say foreigner, does he appear to	5	saying do you remember seeing him any more recently
6	be from the Middle East or from India or where did	6	than about nine years ago?
7	you judge he was from?	7	A. Oh, no.
8	A. I don't know.	8	Q. It's been a long time since you've seen
9	Q. Okay. But he wasn't American. You're	9	him?
10	sure of that?	10	A. Yes.
11	A. No, he's not American.	11	Q. Sitting here today you can't specifically
12	Q. And you don't recall specifically any	12	recall seeing Dr. Conner after 1995, can you?
13	discussion that you had with Dr. Haider or that he	13	A. No, not specifically.
14	had with you?	14	MR. WIENER: Let me go ahead and make
15	A. No.	15	these records that we've obtained an exhibit to the
16	Q. Why didn't you go back to see him except	16	deposition. And, Brandon, I have for my own
17	for that one time?	17	purposes highlighted these. So we may want to just
18	A. I didn't really like him. I just didn't	18	go ahead and put in an unhighlighted
19	go back to him.	19	MR. DORSEY: That's fine,
20	Q. What about him didn't you like?	20	MR. WIENER: copy. But for now we'll
21	A. Attitude.	21	just mark this as the next exhibit.
22	Q. Can you be more specific? What about his	22	(EXHIBIT NO. 3 MARKED.)
23	attitude?	23	MR. WIENER:
		23 24	
23			MR. WIENER: Q. All right. Thank you. MR. WIENER: Brandon, did you get a

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1	chance to look at those?	1	A. Okay.
2	MR. DORSEY: I did.	2	Q. What do you recall about your first visit
3	MR. WIENER: Okay. Thanks.	3	with Dr. Conner?
4	MR. WIENER:	4	A. Not much.
5	Q. Ms. Stallings, Dr. Douglas Conner	5	Q. Okay. I'm sure you spoke with him for
6	according to these records is with a clinic or	6	some period of time.
7	facility known as Starkville Health. Is that what	7	A. Yes.
8	you recall?	8	
	•		Q. He came into the examining room
9		9	A. Yes.
10	Q. How did you come to see Dr. Conner back	10	Q and the two of you had some
11	in 1992?	11	communication. Do you remember any of that?
12	A. Fat lady syndrome again. A friend of	12	A. I just I think I just told him I
13	mine told me about him. We had	13	needed I came to see if I can get some diet
14	Q. What syndrome was that? I missed that.	14	pills. A friend had told me about them. And he
15	A. Fat lady syndrome.	15	just weighed me and basically checked my blood
16	Q. Oh, my goodness.	16	pressure and that's it.
17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Could you keep your	17	Q. All right.
18	mike on, please, sir.	18	A. That's all I can
19	MR. WIENER: Oh, I'm sorry. Did you	19	Q. All right. So you remember he performed
20	did you get all that?	20	some brief physical examination that might have
21	•	21	
	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes, sir. MR. WIENER:		included taking your blood pressure?
22		22	A. Uh-huh.
23	Q. Ms. Stallings, a friend of yours who also	23	Q. All right. And had you ever before been
24	was working on her weight problem told you	24	on any type of weight loss medication before seeing
25	A. Yes.	25	Dr. Conner in 1992?
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3	with Dr. Conner about any of these subjects. Did he	3	sheet here where someone has written at the top
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4	tell you how long you would have to take the	4	Dr. Douglas Conner's medical files, Brenda M.
5	medication Fastin before you could expect to see	5	Stallings. And then your name Brenda Cunningham is
6	some results?	6	under that. I guess what I'm driving at there,
7	A. No.	7	Ms. Stallings, had you been a patient of Dr. Conner
8	Q. You don't remember that?	8	before 1992?
9	A. No. He didn't say that.	9	A. Huh-uh.
10	Q. Did he discuss with you any of the	10	Q. So the time that you went to see him in
11	possible side effects that Fastin might have?	11	1992 and received that prescription of Fastin,
12	A. No.	12	that's the first time that you ever saw Dr. Conner
13	Q. Okay. Are you telling me he didn't have	13	for anything?
14	that discussion with you or that you don't remember	14	A. Right.
15	having that discussion?	15	Q. Okay. All right. Now, his records
16	A. Well, I know he didn't have he didn't	16	MR. DORSEY: Excuse me. Mr. Wiener, just
17	say that. He didn't say anything.	17	for purposes of clarification since you've made this
18	Q. Okay. So you're sure in your own mind	18	I think this may be a handwritten notation from
19	that Dr. Conner did not review potential side	19	maybe a staff person here at our office which
20	effects from taking Fastin?	20	basically identifies this document as medical files
21	A. I'm positive about it.	21	from Dr. Conner on Brenda Stallings.
22	Q. All right. You're positive about that.	22	MR. WIENER: Okay. Good. Thanks. I
23	A. Uh-huh.	23	appreciate that.
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MR. MANSFIELD: No, I do not. Now, I do

note that on the page there is some writing, you

MR. MANSFIELD: -- and it makes me

MR. WIENER: Correct.

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Page 50 Page 52 1 talking about that with Dr. Conner? 1 MR. WIENER: Yes. Well. we'll 2 No, I don't. 2 Α. double-check on that, Brandon, and get back in touch 3 Okay. Do you recall whether you had any 3 if we think that we need to go over anything else if Q. 4 discussion with Dr. Conner, generally speaking, 4 we've missed anything. about being overweight and the potential health 5 5 MR. WIENER: 6 risks that are associated with being overweight? 6 Q. But, Ms. Stallings, your memory today is 7 Α. No. 7 that you saw Dr. Conner at least two times in the 8 Q. Now, in looking at your records with 8 vear 1992? 9 Dr. Conner, the next time you were in to see him 9 Α. according to this chart -- and Brandon's got it in 10 10 All right. It may have been more? 0. front of him. So if you need to look at it you're 11 11 Α. 12 certainly welcome to. Or Brandon can point out if 12 O. You think it was twice? I'm not -- if I'm not reading anything correctly. 13 13 A. I think it was twice. 14 But it looks as though you were back to see 14 Q. Okay. And we don't -- since we don't 15 Dr. Conner on March 12, 1993, which is more than a 15 have a clear record of the second visit, is there year after your first visit; that is, if we do have 16 something that you recall specifically about the 16 17 the complete records. Do you recall there being a 17 second visit that you had with him in '92? 18 gap of a year between your first and second visits 18 A. I said I really believe I saw him twice 19 with Dr. Conner? 19 because he told me in '92 that he didn't want to 20 Huh-uh. I don't think it was that far --Α. 20 give me those pills but twice a year. I remember 21 Q. Okay. 21 him saying something about only twice a year. I 22 Α. -- apart. 22 remember that. 23 All right. You feel like after you 23 Q. All right. And that was referring to the 24 started to see him in 1992 that you saw him on a 24 Fastin? 25 frequent basis? 25 A. Yes. I do remember that. Page 51 Page 53 I remember it being like, oh, gosh, twice 1 Α. 1 Q. All right. Well, looking at the notes 2 in '92. 2 from the March 12, 1993, visit he noted that your 3 Q. Okay. Well, it's possible that his 3 weight was 195 which was described as a weight loss 4 office didn't give us the complete records or that 4 of 15 pounds. Now, further up on that page as Ken 5 in putting them together my office didn't put them 5 Mansfield observed there's a note that says 210 6 altogether, but that's -- I don't have anything 6 before something. But 210 is the same weight that 7 between February 12 of '92 and March 12 of '93. 7 you had -- that had been determined in your first 8 MR. WIENER: Let me just ask, Brandon, or visit with him in 1992. In any event, Ms. Stallings, 8 9 any of the other attorneys on the line, does anybody 9 there's a notation there that at 195 you had had 10 have records that I may be missing between '92 and '93? 10 weight loss of 15 pounds. Do you see that? 11 MR. DORSEY: All I have is there's a 11 A. Uh-huh. 12 notation for 1993. I guess this is February 13 or 12 Q. So do you recall that from the time of 13 12 of '92, and then there is another notation March 13 your initial visit with Dr. Conner through about one 14 12 of '93. Then there's a notation for April of '93. 14 year later that you had lost some weight? MR. WIENER: Yes. Well, that's what I've 15 Uh-huh. 15 Α. got. So you don't have anything in between? 16 16 Q. You do remember that? 17 MR. DORSEY: No, sir, I don't. 17 Α. Yes. MR. WIENER: Do any of the other 18 18 Now, on that note for March 12, 1993, at 19 attorneys on the line have any records? 19 the bottom it says -- I think what it says is walk

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word might signify. But it seems pretty clear that --

MR. DORSEY: I'm trying to find -- where

MR. WIENER: On the note for 3/12/93.

MR. WIENER: Go ahead.

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Page 54 Page 56 1 MR. DORSEY: Okay. How often did you have the class? 1 Q. 2 2 MR. WIENER: Every evening. Α. 3 Q. It seems pretty clear that Dr. Conner had 3 Every evening? Q. 4 some discussion with you and made some note about 4 A. Uh-huh. Well, Monday through Friday. 5 you being on a walking program. Do you -- do you 5 I'm sorry. 6 recall that? 6 So every evening Monday to Friday. And Ο. 7 A. I don't recall him telling me to walk 7 how long did the class go for? because at the time I was going to him I was in an 8 8 One hour. Α. exercise class. So that's how I found out. You 9 9 And was it one hour of aerobics? 0. know, we had an exercise class. I don't remember 10 10 Α. Uh-huh. him telling me to walk. I don't remember it. I'll 11 And you did that for two years? 11 Q. put it that way. Maybe he did but I don't remember 12 12 Uh-huh, two years. Α. 13 him telling me that. What years were you in the class? 13 Ο. 14 And you don't recall being on a walking 0. Oh, God, I knew you was going to come 14 Α. back to the years. It was in '92 -- '92 and '93. 15 program --15 16 A. No. 16 So it was at the same time that you were 17 O. -- at that time? You mentioned that you 17 seeing Dr. Conner? 18 were in an exercise class. 18 A. Yes. Right. 19 A. Yes. 19 Q. Do you think that you told Dr. Conner 20 Q. What class were you in? 20 that you were in this exercise program? 21 It was a bunch of us just got together at 21 Α. Yes. 22 the place where I worked at, Mayfair, at the time. 22 Q. You feel like you did? We used the recreation center every evening and did 23 23 Yes, I feel like I did. Α. 24 an exercise -- an hour exercise class. 24 During that time were you doing anything 25 0. So this was a room -- a recreation room 25 in terms of diet to try to curb or control your Page 55 Page 57 at the place where you worked, the Mayfair 1 intake -- caloric intake? 1 2 Apartments? 2 A. We was trying all kind of different 3 A. stuff. Soups and stuff. Different things. Yes. 3 4 Q. And did they have equipment in this room? 4 Three-day diets. Stuff like that. 5 5 Α. Q. So you would say that during this time 6 Q. Just a big open room? 6 period of '92, '93 while you were seeing Dr. Conner 7 Just aerobics. Α. 7 and taking the medication Fastin you were also in a 8 O. I see. So did someone lead the class? 8 regular exercise program that you've described and 9 Yes, it was some ladies that led it. 9 you were also making some effort of different diets. Α. 10 Did you -- was this just you a voluntary Q. 10 food modification? 11 thing or did you all pay money to do this? 11 A. Yes. 12 It was voluntary. Q. Okay. Now, if we look on to your visit Α. 12 13 Just a group of ladies getting together? with Dr. Conner April 26, 1993, there's a note that Q. 13 14 Α. Just trying to help one another out, 14 says weight, 194. And then it says stopped 15 exercising. Restart. Do you recall telling yes. 15 Okay. And so are you telling me that one Dr. Conner that you had stopped exercising and he 16 16 17 or two of the ladies that knew more about aerobics 17 had encouraged you to get back on the program? You 18 led the class? don't remember? 18 19 Α. 19 A. I don't remember that. 20 Q. All right. You weren't one of the 20 Q. Okay. And, of course, in that note it 21 leaders? 21 continues to show Fastin medication being prescribed 22 A. Huh-uh. No, sir. 22 to you. 23 Q. And how long did you attend that exercise 23 Α. Uh-huh. 24 class? 24 Q. Do you see that? 25 25 Α. We had that class for about two years. Yes.

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Page 58 All right. And then your next visit per this record is July 12, 1993, at which time your weight was 195. There's a note "too fat." And I don't know if that's what you told Dr. Conner and he wrote it down. Do you recall that?

- No, I didn't tell him that. Α.
- Q. You didn't tell him that?
- A. It looks like some private insults.
- Q. And the note there with the arrow going upwards is the way medical people say increase. So increase your exercise, decrease your calories. Do you see that?
- 13 A. Uh-huh.
 - And then there's a note which I think is referring to the medication Adipex.
 - A. Uh-huh.
 - Do you remember Dr. Conner switching you to a different type of medication in mid-1993?
- 19 A. Yes.
 - Q. Do you remember the name of that medication being Adipex?
 - Α. Yes.
- And was it another kind of weight loss 23 Q. 24 medication?
- 25 A. Yes.

Page 60 you from Fastin to Adipex had nothing to do with any side effects or problems that you were having on 3 Fastin?

- A. No, not at that time.
- 5 Now, on this note the No. 30 is circled which I believe, Ms. Stallings, refers to your getting a 30-day supply of Adipex. Is that -- is 7 that what you recall? 8
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. All right. And back in the time '92, '93 that you were receiving these prescriptions from Dr. Conner, where -- what pharmacy were you using to

12 fill those prescriptions? 13

A. I'm not certain, but I'm thinking it was 14

- 15 Food Max, the pharmacy at Food Max. 16
 - Q. Okay. So Food Max is a grocery store --
- 17 A. Yes.
 - O. -- in Macon?
- 19 A. No. That's in Starkville.
- 20 Q. I see. In Starkville. And they had a 21 pharmacy located within the grocery store?
 - A. Right. Uh-huh.
 - Q. All right. According to this note,
- 24 Ms. Stallings, the next time you were in to see
- 25 Dr. Conner was December 31 of 1993. So you went to

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- Do you know what type of medication it was? In other words, was it the same -- did you understand from Dr. Conner that it was the same kind of medication as Fastin only just a different brand?
- 5 A. Huh-uh. No, I didn't have a clue about 6 that.
- 7 Q. Okay. So he didn't explain that to you?
 - A. No.
- 9 Did he tell you why he was switching your Q. 10 medication?
- 11 He just said we were going to try something else -- I remember that -- and see if it 12 13 worked better --
- 14 Q. All right.
- Α. -- because the other one had stopped 16 workina.
- 17 Q. All right. So to your knowledge the reason for switching to Adipex from Fastin was 18 because the Fastin was not getting the results that 19 20 vou wanted?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. Were you having any problems with
- the Fastin in terms of side effects? 23
- 24 A. No, not at that time.
 - Q. All right. So the reason for switching

1 see him on New Years Eve of 1993.

- A. Okay.
- 3 Do you recall -- well, first, let me ask you: Do you think that you had any visits with him 5 between July and December?
 - A. Huh-uh.
 - Q. All right.
 - A. I don't think so.
- Q. So there was a gap of almost six months 9 in your going back to see Dr. Conner? 10
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know why that occurred? 12
 - A. I can't recall.
- Q. Okay. If he had given you a 30-day 14 15 supply of Adipex in July of '93, then that would 16 have run out sometime in August -- mid August of 17 '93.
 - Uh-huh. Α.
- Q. Do you recall that you were off of diet 19 20 drugs from August until December or were you -- did you obtain a prescription from some other source? 21
- 22 A. I didn't -- I don't recall taking it 23 anywhere else.
- 24 Q. So to the best of your knowledge were you 25 off of the Adipex from the time that that

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prescription ran out in mid August of 1993 until you
went back to see Dr. Conner at the end of '93?

A. Yes. I believe I was off.

- Q. Did you -- had you made a decision during that time that you were going to just stay off the medication for a couple of months?
 - A. I don't remember why I got off them.
- Q. But you do remember being off them for a short period of time?
 - A. Yes, I do remember being off of them.
- 11 Q. But you don't remember what led you to do 12 that?
- 13 A. No.

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- Q. Do you recall Dr. Conner telling you on the July 12, 1993, visit that he was -- that this was going to be the last prescription that he gave you?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. You don't remember that?
- 20 A. I don't remember.
- 21 Q. I'm just trying to explore the reason.
- 22 So I'm not suggesting that that happened. I'm just asking.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. All right. You don't recall any

about potential side effects of the Adipex?

- A. No.
- Q. All right. And when you went to the pharmacy and got the prescription filled, do you recall getting an information sheet that listed possible side effects?
- A. Just the one about the jittery, you know, being nervous and nauseated.
 - Q. Okay.
 - A. That sheet. I remember that.
- 11 Q. Well, you had told me about that sheet 12 when we were talking about your Fastin 13 prescription.
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Do you recall that with Adipex you got a similar sheet that listed similar types of side effects?
- A. Well, let me make sure I give you the right answer now. I don't want to.... I've never got anything that told me specifically what this medicine can do to me. I never saw anything like that. It was just basic stuff. You might be nervous and nauseated. I remember that. I don't know was it on both of them or just one of them.
 - Q. Okay.

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discussion like that?

A. I don't recall any.

- Q. But you recall Dr. Conner making some comment to you at least when he gave you the Fastin that he could only give you that medication twice a year?
- A. I remember that. And I think that was like the first two times that I went to him. If I'm not wrong, I think that was the first two times.
- Q. When he gave you the Fastin he gave you 30-day supplies. Right?
- 12 A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. So you understood from Dr. Conner that you could only be on that medicine for up to 60 days in a year's time?
- 16 A. Yes. That's what I was getting from 17 him.
- Q. All right. And what about with the
 Adipex? Did he give you any different information
 about how much or how long you could take Adipex?
- A. I don't remember any information on that 22 one.
- Q. Okay. And let me ask you similar questions about the Adipex that I asked you about the Fastin. Did Dr. Conner give you any information

A. But I do remember seeing that. But I know I didn't see anything that said it was going to tear up your heart valves. I didn't see nothing like that.

- Q. All right. When you went to see Dr. Conner on December 31, 1993, he noted that your weight was 219 pounds. Do you see that?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. So your previous visit you had been down to 195, and that's what your weight had been for several months. And then when you go back to him at the end of '93 your weight has climbed back up to 219. Do you see that?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And do you have any reason to dispute or disagree with what Dr. Conner's note shows your weight was on that occasion?
 - A. Huh-uh. No.
- 19 Q. All right. So as far as you know that's 20 accurate information?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And at the December 31, 1993, visit there's a note again to increase exercise and a note that he's prescribing you Adipex for a 30-day supply once again. Do you see that?

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- Now, this has been a couple of times that there's been a note about your increasing your exercise or getting back on your exercise program. Do you recall any discussion that you had with Dr. Conner at any time about the subject of exercise
 - A. He could have. I just don't remember.

and what you ought to be doing?

That's fine. That's all you can do is tell as best you remember. And if you don't, then just tell us you don't remember.

The next note from Dr. Conner shows that you were back to see him 7/29/94. So now this is a little more than six months later.

- Α. Uh-huh.
- And do you recall that there was again a gap of some six months before you were back in to see him?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- 20 Do you recall why it was that you didn't Q. 21 see Dr. Conner for that period of time?
 - Well, I think the pills had stopped Α. working.
- 24 Okay. Q.
- 25 A. They weren't doing anything. And the

A. Yes.

Am I hearing you right on that? Q.

- Α.
- 4 0. Okay. And then when you went back to see 5 Dr. Conner on July 29, 1994, I think his note is indicating that your weight at that time was up to 7 228 1/2. Do you see that?
 - A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you recall that when you went back to see him on July 29, 1994, that your weight had 10 11 increased since the last visit you had had with him?
- 12 Α. Uh-huh.
- 13 0. All right. And here on this note again 14 he's again showing prescribing you the Adipex for 30 15 days.
 - Right. Α.
- 17 Q. Do you see that?
 - A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And did you take the Adipex for 30 days 20 starting on July 29, 1994?
- A. Yes. 21
- 22 Q. Okay. All right. And then we come to
- what appears to be the last visit that you had with 23
- 24 Dr. Conner which is April 27 of 1995. So that would
- 25 have been -- let's see. I think that's nine months

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- minute you stop taking them you just go right back anyway. And I just saw myself kept increasing. So I went back and try -- well, six months passed. I quess I'll go try it again. So I went and tried it again.
- Q. Given that he had prescribed 30 days of Adipex to you on December 31, 1993, do you think that you took that prescription until it was -- you had exhausted it?
 - A. Uh-huh. Yes.
- And then you would have been off any type of medication from approximately February 1 of '93 until you go back to see Dr. Conner on July 29, 1994?
 - Α. Yes.
- 16 17 you're off of the medication?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Is that right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 And if I'm hearing you correctly, that

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- - So, again, you have several months where

- 22 was your decision. In other words, you were -- you thought that the medication wasn't working and, 23
- 24 therefore, you didn't go back to the doctor for a
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- 1 later. And let me ask you, Ms. Stallings, similar 2 to what I asked you before, if Dr. Conner gave you Adipex for 30 days on July 29, 1994, and you took
- 3 4 that for 30 days, you would have been off of the
- 5 medication from approximately September 1 of '94
- until you came back to see Dr. Conner on April 27, 6 7 1995. Is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And that's some six or seven months again 10 that you were off of any type of weight loss medication? 11
 - A. Yes.
- 13 All right. In other words, during these 14 -- during these periods that we've discussed of 15 several months when you were not going back to see 16 Dr. Conner, you weren't going to anyone else to get 17 weight loss medication, were you?
 - A. No, sir.
- 19 Q. Okav.
- 20 No, I was gaining too much to be going 21 somewhere else.
- 22 Q. All right. I'm just trying to establish that during this time period Dr. Conner was the only 23 24 medical provider that you went to with regard to 25 weight loss.

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- O. And on his note of the visit that you had with him April 27, 1995, he recorded your weight at that time -- or I guess his nurse did, but the note is made that your weight at that time was 235 pounds. Do you see that?
 - Α. Yes.
- O. Now, at the very bottom there are two medications listed. One is Fastin, 30 -- and I apologize. I don't know if that's grams but that seems to be the dosage. And then it's -- the number 30 is circled which I think indicates a 30-day supply. So, again, Dr. Conner put you back on Fastin in April of 1995. Is that right?
 - A. Right.
- Do you recall any discussion that you had with him at that time about the medication that you had been taking? In other words --
 - Α. No.
- Q. -- you had been on -- he had given you Adipex the last several times you had seen him. Do you recall talking with him about the Adipex and whether it was working or wasn't working?
- 24 A. I believe at that time I told him that 25 that one really ain't doing anything.

Q. All right. Well, just to help you along, Ms. Stallings, I may be -- I may be wrong about this. So, I mean, I'm just asking you the question and you follow along with me. Hydrochlorothiazide is a blood pressure medication. Have you ever received medication from Dr. Conner or from any physician that was in treatment of high blood

- A. That would be the only one. Other than that, I haven't.
- Q. All right. Well, I'll look at -- there are notes of you receiving hydrochlorothiazide from other physicians. And I'll go over those with you. But let's just confine ourselves to this April 27, 1995, visit with Dr. Conner. Do you remember any discussion with him to the effect that he was prescribing an additional medication to you?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Do you remember any discussion with him about any sort of blood pressure or cardiovascular difficulty that you were having?
- 22 A. No.
 - Q. All right. I'm going to now refer to the records of Dr. Edmond C. Henson in Mobile, Alabama. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Pardon me just a

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- 0. Okay.
- A. In fact, yes, that's the one that really didn't work. The Adipex.
- Q. All right. So having been on Fastin initially and then you're on Adipex, when you got to Dr. Conner in April of 1995 looking back on how things had gone you had drawn the conclusion that Adipex was not as effective as Fastin?
 - Α. Yes.
 - Q. Is that right?
- A. Right.
- So Adipex was the drug that really wasn't 12 0. 13 doing anything?
 - Α. Right.
 - All right. And do you think that's why Q. Dr. Conner put you back on the Fastin?
 - Α. I'm assuming, yes.
 - Okay. Now, there's another medication Q. that is noted which is -- the abbreviation is HCTZ. Do you know what that is?
 - A. Huh-uh. I don't remember that one.
- 22 Q. I think that it's hydrochlorothiazide.
- 23 Do you remember ever being on a medication called 24 hvdrochlorothiazide?
 - A. I don't remember it.

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MR. WIENER: Let me suggest this to counsel. We're back on the record at about five minutes to twelve. I'm not going to ask Ms. Stallings any questions about the Dr. Henson records until you all tell me that you've gotten the faxes from Brandon's office. And let me cover some other things and maybe go until about 12:10, 12:15 and we'll break for lunch. Does that suit everybody here?

MR. DORSEY: That's fine.

MR. WIENER: Is that good with the folks on the line?

MR. MANSFIELD: Sure, that will be fine. MR. WIENER:

- Q. Ms. Stallings, let's just go back for a moment to the medications that Dr. Conner prescribed 18 for you. And I want to ask you, did you have any 19 20 sort of problems that you associated with taking either Fastin or Adipex; in other words, did you 21 22 have any type of side effects or symptoms of any 23 type that you believed or even wondered might have 24 been caused by either of those medications? 25
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 - Q. Yes. And then I'll bring it forward.

But from 1992 through 1995, which is the dates that we've gone over that you were seeing Dr. Conner and during that time he was prescribing Fastin and then Adipex and then back to Fastin, during that period of time did you have any sort of symptoms or problems or complaints that you believed may have been caused by either of those medications?

- A. My sex drive was kind of low during then, but I didn't have a clue what was going on. I didn't have a clue.
 - Q. Okay.
- And I began the shortness of breath, but I didn't associate it with the medicine. I thought maybe it was the weight gain. So I can't really say for definite was that the cause of it, but I didn't have a clue what was doing it.
- O. All right. So you're telling me that you remember back in that time period having decreased sexual drive?
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- 25 0. And some shortness of breath?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. All right. And at the time that you noticed those two problems were you taking any type of diet drug medication?
 - A. Huh-uh. No.
 - Q. Were you taking any other type of medication?
- A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you consult with any health provider 11 at that time about your shortness of breath? 12
- 13 And did you consult with any health 0. 14 provider about your decreased sexual drive?
 - Α.
- 16 Q. Given that your last visit with

17 Dr. Conner was April 27, 1995, could you give me a 18 best judgment or a best estimate as to when you 19 first noticed a decreased sexual drive or shortness 20 of breath?

21 A. I can't pinpoint date -- the date --22 actual date, but I knew it was in '95 when I started 23 experiencing it. And like I said, I just assumed 24 all of this was dealing with me gaining all of this 25 weight. And it was in '95 but I don't know where.

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- Α. Uh-huh.
- Q. Now, did you mention either of those problems to Dr. Conner when you went to see him?
- A. Huh-uh. No. This was like in '95 when all of these little changes started taking place. So it didn't actually happen while I was going through this. So that's why I couldn't associate it with the medicine because it didn't actually happen while I was taking the medicine. So I didn't have a clue.
- Q. Okay. Well, as we -- go ahead. I'm sorry.
 - Α. I didn't have a clue what was causing it.
- Q. Well, as we noted before, the last record we have of your seeing Dr. Conner is April 27, 1995.
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Are you telling me that the problems that you've described with loss of sex drive and with shortness of breath started to occur after your last visit with Dr. Conner?
- A. I didn't say directly after, but I was no longer seeing him when all of this stuff transpired.
- Okay. So the first time that you noted decreased sexual drive or shortness of breath was some period of time after your last visit with

Page 77 Q. And how long did those symptoms last? Let's talk about shortness of breath.

A. Oh, Lord.

- Q. You feel sure that it was sometime in 1995 that you started to experience shortness of breath. Correct?
- A. Uh-huh. Well, that never stopped because it's worsened actually like now. It's worse. But the sex drive thing, it's like -- it's not like it used to be, but I can't -- I don't know. I can't associate that with the medicine. I don't know what's going on with that.
- Q. Okay. On the shortness of breath, are you telling me that you've had shortness of breath ever since 1995?
 - Α. Yes, some. '95 was just a little bit.
- 17 Okav. Q.
 - Now it's ridiculous. A.
- 19 Now you have what you consider to be a 20 significant problem with shortness of breath?
 - A. Yes. Uh-huh.
 - All right. Tell me at the current time how often do you experience episodes of shortness of breath?
 - A. Currently?

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Page 78 Page 80 1 Q. Yes. started sometime in 1995 and has gotten 2 A. Well, like from here to that restroom I 2 progressively worse with you since that time? 3 was like out of breath then. I have to really sit 3 A. Uh-huh. 4 down and get my air in. And during the day when I 4 Q. Is that right? 5 work I have to space out my customers. I used to 5 Α. Uh-huh. 6 could do 20 -- 15 to 20 heads a day. No problem. I 6 O. That's a ves? 7 worked 12 and 13 hours up until 2 o'clock in the 7 A. Yes. morning. Then I had to cut that down and just cut 8 8 Q. All right. That's fine. But you have 9 my hours from I just go in at nine and get out by 9 not -- you have not gone to any physician or clinic 10 5:30 at the most because I just be so tired and 10 or health provider to get treatment for this stuff. condition? 11 11 12 Q. When did you reduce your schedule as 12 A. 13 you've just described it? 13 And you haven't taken any medication for Q. 14 A. Oh, that's been about two years now that 14 it? I had to cut back. 15 15 Α. 16 Q. As a hairstylist are you on your feet for 16 How does the shortness of breath -- well, just about the entire working day? 17 17 when you have an episode of shortness of breath, how 18 A. Yes. Well, I had to put the time in 18 long does it typically last? 19 where I have to stop it and just rest a minute, you 19 A. I have never really just timed it. I 20 know, and give myself 15 breaks in between and just 20 just get my air in and go on. I didn't never time it. 21 Q. And the sensation, describe it for me. start back. 21 22 When you are short of breath -- I know you've Q. What do you typically do during those 22 23 rest periods? 23 already told me to some extent, but I want to be 24 A. Just sit down for a minute and then start 24 sure how it affects you when it happens. 25 25 back. A. I don't know how to explain it. Page 79 Page 81 Q. Is there anything in particular that 1 1 Q. Well, you said that you have a feeling 2 seems to trigger the shortness of breath? 2 almost of a rapid --3 A. I can just be sitting here and I get this 3 A. It's just a tiredness. Like a tiredness rapid -- like a heartbeat. And you might notice me 4 4 that comes over me. Like I said, when my heart 5 5 throwing my head back. I have to do that to gasp beats real fast I just have to gasp for air. Just -- it's like I'm choking. So I have to do this to 6 for air. So I don't know. 6 7 Q. All right. So this is something that can 7 get the air back in (indicating). I do it a lot. 8 happen even when you're sitting? 8 Q. Do you get dizzy when that happens? 9 A. Yes. 9 A. If I'm standing. 10 Q. If you're standing? Q. Does it -- do you get episodes of 10 11 shortness of breath at night while you're sleeping? A. If I'm standing, 11 12 Α. Yes. 12 Q. Well, once you sit down you're not dizzy? 13 Q. That is correct? 13 I'm not dizzy when I sit down. 14 Α. 14 Q. Do you break out in a sweat when this 15 And then also while you're working you 15 happens? get episodes of shortness of breath? 16 16 A. I don't sweat. 17 Α. 17 Q. Do you feel a sensation anywhere in your 18 So what I'm hearing from you is that you 18 body? Do you feel a tingling or a numbness anywhere 19 can become short of breath almost at any time 19 or tightness in your chest or anything like that? regardless of what you're doing? 20 20 A. Huh-uh. 21 Α. Yes. 21 Q. No? 22 Q. Have you sought medical treatment for 22 No. A. 23 your shortness of breath? 23 Q. And how long does the episode last when 24 A. No. No. 24 you become short of breath? I mean....

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- Q. And in a typical workday that you have now, how often do you experience the shortness of breath?
- A. Maybe three to four times daily -- a day or something.
- Q. And -- okay. In your own mind do you relate the shortness of breath to any particular cause?
- A. Like I said, I was thinking it was basically about the weight until I found out and read the history of what this medicine does. I'm like maybe that's what caused it. But basically I was putting it on the weight. I was saying it was the weight. I didn't have a clue.
- Q. When was it that you saw any type of literature or advertisement that brought it to your attention that weight loss medication may be causing you any medical problems?
- A. This was in '99. I think it was '99 or early 2000 when I got some information on it --
 - Q. What did you get?
- A. -- with these pills. Oh, gosh, I still got those papers. Just a bunch of papers of what --

1 lawsuit?

- A. Right. Uh-huh.
- Q. And do you recall specifically what was in the package that made you think that your shortness of breath was related to taking weight loss medication?
- A. Not specifics. I know what -- the thing dealing with the heart and how I've been feeling.
 This stuff is like -- the way my heart is beating and stuff it just had to be connected to it. So that's after we had filed. I can't really explain it. I'm going to sound all crazy trying to explain it. I don't know how to explain it.
 - Q. Well, I'll try to help you with it. You're doing fine answering my questions.

MR. WIENER: I think this may be as good a time as any to take a break because I'm going to get back into Dr. Henson's records when we pick back up.

MR. DORSEY: I do have confirmations that everybody should have received it by now. Has everybody received their fax?

MS. LIND: I've received mine. This is Kaara.

24 Kaara.25 MR. MANSFIELD: I have not, but it's

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the kind of thing that these pills cause.

- Q. Do you remember who -- where you got the information from?
- A. From the courthouse. From the courthouse. It was in the lawsuit thing.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. And I got that from there and read it. And I said this is what's causing all this. But I had no clue, you know, that it was....
- Q. All right. So you received some sort of package from a court?
 - A. No. I went there to get it.
 - Q. You got it. What court did you go to?
- 14 A. Noxubee Court -- Noxubee County 15 Courthouse.
 - Q. And the clerk gave you some documents?
 - A. Uh-huh. It was my file. It was some information out of my file.
 - Q. Okay. So you had a case on file already?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- 21 Q. And you went to the office -- to the
- clerk's office and got some papers out of that courtfile?
- 24 A. Right.
 - Q. All right. But you had already filed a

Page 85 probably down there with all of the other faxes. So I'll have it by the time we get back.

MR. DORSEY: Molly, do you have yours?
MS. WALKER: I haven't gotten mine yet,
but the runners just probably haven't brought it to

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MR. WIENER:

- Q. Ms. Stallings, we're ready to continue with your deposition. Before lunch you were telling me about two problems that you've had that included shortness of breath, which you've described to me as starting sometime in 1995 and it stayed with you right to the present time. And then the other was decreased sexual drive. And if I remember your testimony from before lunch, you have not gone to seek medical treatment for either of those conditions. Is that right?
 - A. Right.
- Q. Okay. And did I also understand you to say that during the time that you were taking Fastin and Adipex under Dr. Conner's direction that during that time you did not suffer -- or you were not experiencing any side effects or problems that you associated with using either Adipex or Fastin. Is

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- A. That's correct.
- And you never made mention of any problems or side effects to Dr. Conner, did you?
- Ο. You know, I told you before that the drug hydrochlorothiazide is a blood pressure medication.
 - A. Uh-huh.
- And I have looked at some information about that drug and I think that that is correct, that it is prescribed in treatment of blood pressure problems. But it also is known to be a diuretic, something that will clear the body of wastes. Do you recall having any discussion with Dr. Conner about hydrochlorothiazide being prescribed to you as a diuretic? Does that ring a bell?
 - A. No.
- 0. Let's take a look at the records with Dr. Henson. It's my understanding that Brandon has faxed copies that I'm going to be using here today to all counsel who are participating?

MR. WIENER: Did I make Dr. Conner's records an exhibit? I meant to if I didn't.

MR. DORSEY: I don't think you did.

MR. WIENER: I want to go ahead and make

those a record before we -- as an exhibit before we go forward on Dr. Henson's records. So now we just need to find them. Let's just go off record for just a second and see what became of those.

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MR. WIENER: We did make Dr. Conner's records Exhibit 3 to the deposition. At this time I'm going to hand Brandon Dorsey, plaintiff's counsel, a set of the records that we've obtained on Dr. Edmond Henson. And, Brandon, if you'll look those over, please.

MR. DORSEY: Okay.

MR. WIENER: All right. Let me get these marked as the next exhibit, please.

(EXHIBIT NO. 4 MARKED.)

MR. WIENER: Thank you.

17 MR. WIENER:

- Q. Ms. Stallings, I'm now looking at the records that Dr. Edmond C. Henson with the Mobile Fitness & Weight Center, 812 Downtowner Boulevard, Mobile, Alabama, produced in response to our request for these records. It indicates that you first saw Dr. Henson on February 8, 1999. Do you recall that?
- 24 Α.
 - Q. All right. Now, I think we established

1 that your last visit with Dr. Conner in Starkville was April 27, 1995. 2

- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Did you see any physician between 1995 4 5 with Dr. Conner and 1999 with Dr. Henson, other than you've already told me in 1998 you saw this

7 Dr. Hadene Haider one time?

- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Okay. So other than that Dr. Haider, did you see any other physician or health provider for 10 11 treatment of weight loss between 1995 and 1999?

- 13 All right. And other than the medication 14 that Dr. Conner had given to you -- had prescribed for you and the medication that Dr. Haider 15 prescribed for you in 1998, did you take any sort of 16 17 weight loss medication other than what those two 18 physicians prescribed to you?
 - A. No.
- 20 0. Okay. How did you come to see Dr. Henson 21 in February of 1999 given that he's in Mobile which is a considerable distance from Macon, Mississippi? 22
 - One of my clients told me about him.
- 24 Q. One of your clients. Your hairstyling 25

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- A. Uh-huh.
- And do you remember who it was that told Q. you?
 - Α. Linda Herman.
- All right. And what did Ms. Herman share with you was her experience with Dr. Henson?
- She just told me about the diet pills that he have that help you lose the weight, the phentermines. And I told her I had taken them before but the doctors around there didn't want to prescribe them. So I went over there to get them.
- Q. Okay. Now, when you say that the doctors around there didn't want to prescribe them, what were you talking about?
- A. Well, I -- we just talk a lot. And other people were saying that the doctors in Macon didn't want to give out those pills anymore for diet pills -- for diet they didn't want to give them.
- That was just kind of common knowledge in the town?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. You're not telling me that you had an experience of going to a doctor and asking for a prescription and being refused or turned away, are you?

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6	A. I called.	6	· , ,
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11	A. Uh-huh.	11	A. I had tried it before and it did work.
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13	A. Yes. Mary Sanders went with me.	13	A. Yes.
14	Q. All right. And I believe her name has	14	Q. I see. Okay. And you were referring
15	come up before.	15	back to '92 to '95 when you were under Dr. Conner's
16	A. Uh-huh.	16	care?
17	Q. Remind me who she is.	17	A. I don't know what I was referring back
18	 A. She worked with me at the other salon 	18	to. I just mentioned it.
19	that I worked at.	19	Q. But when you saw Dr. Henson in '99 you
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22	A. She saw him also.	22	A. Uh-huh.
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Page 94 Page 96 1 Α. I don't remember. 1 Q. Okay. 2 Q. Was it before you went to see Dr. Henson 2 A. Except one. One of them was round with before '99 or since that time? 3 3 blue dots. 4 A. It was before I went to see him. 4 Q. All right. Well, I guess what I'm asking 5 Q. Okay. All right. Well, let's take a 5 you is do you recall whether the medicine that look at his records. He indicated on here as a 6 Dr. Henson gave you looked to be the same thing as diagnosis exogenous obesity. Have you ever heard 7 you had had before? 7 that expression before? 8 8 A. No. 9 Α. No. 9 Q. All right. You think it was something 10 Q. All right. Do you recall having any 10 different that he gave you? discussion with Dr. Henson about obesity? 11 11 A. I guess. 12 12 Q. You're really not sure? A. I'm not sure. 13 Q. All right. Did you have any sort of 13 14 discussion with him where he talked with you about 14 Q. Okay. And then he also prescribed for 15 the health risks that are presented when a person is 15 you that day KCL 10 mg, 30 doses. Do you know what obese? 16 that was for, KCL? 16 17 A. No. 17 A. Was that a pill? 18 Q. You understand what the term "obesity" 18 Q. I think it was. 19 A. It was something called quats (phonetic) means? 19 20 A. Just being overweight. Not really. 20 chloride. I don't know what that is or what it was Q. All right. If you had to take a stab at 21 21 for, but every time I got pills from him I got 22 it you would say obesity means being overweight? 22 that. I don't know what that was for. 23 A. Uh-huh. 23 Q. Now, my notes -- I've got some 24 Q. Okay. That's a yes? information that this KCL was for potassium, to 24 25 Yes. 25 maintain --Α. Page 95 Page 97 1 Q. All right. But sitting here today you A. Potassium? 1 2 don't recall a particular discussion with Dr. Henson 2 -- your potassium level. Q. about the subject of obesity and whether it's 3 3 A. Okav. 4 important to control it or anything like that? Q. Is that what you remember? 4 5 Α. No. 5 A. That's what I got every time. So I guess 6 Q. Okay. There's an indication on his 6 that's what it was for. 7 records that he prescribed for you phentermine HCL 7 Q. Okay. Do you remember any discussion 30 milligrams for 21 days on that first visit. Do 8 8 with Dr. Henson as to why he was prescribing both 9 phentermine and KCL? Do you remember him telling you remember him giving you a prescription for 9 10 phentermine? 10 you about that? 11 A. Yes. 11 Α. No. 12 Q. And do you know what brand of phentermine 12 Q. Okay. And then it also shows Vitamin 13 that you took? B-12, 1,000 MCG. Is that the shot that they gave 13 14 A. Huh-uh. I don't know nothing about 14 you in the office? 15 brands. 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. All right. Do you remember what the 16 Q. All right. Ms. Stallings, the next visit 17 pills looked like that he gave you on that occasion? that you had with Dr. Henson was March 8 of 1999. 17 A. I'm thinking those were the ones that --18 So exactly one month later. So did you again drive 18 with the blue side and a clear side that had little 19 19 down to Mobile to see him? 20 beads like in it in the inside of it I'm thinking. 20 A. Yes, I did. 21 Q. Was it similar or the same as either of O. About how long a drive do you recall it 21 22 the two medicines that Dr. Conner had prescribed for 22 being from Macon to Mobile? 23 vou? A. I think about three hours, three and a

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Page 98 Page 100 visit are almost the same as the first visit. Your 1 1 a month? 2 weight was determined to be 249. So that was one 2 A. Yes. 3 pound less than the previous visit. And it looks 3 Q. All right. And during that month did you 4 like again he diagnosed you with exogenous obesity run out of medicine? 5 and prescribed phentermine HCL for 21 days along 5 A. Yes. with the KCL 10 mg and the vitamin B-12 1,000. Does 6 Q. All right. So you were off of the that square with your recollection that the second 7 7 medicine for a month? 8 visit with Dr. Henson was --8 A. Uh-huh. 9 Α. Yes. O. All right. In looking at the note of 9 10 0. -- almost identical to the first visit? 10 your June 7, 1999, visit, he recorded a weight of 11 A. 260 pounds. So I know you told me earlier you 12 Q. Did he give you a shot on the second thought probably the highest you ever got was about 12 13 occasion? 13 255 or 256. I take it you wouldn't dispute that A. Uh-huh. Yes. 14 14 Dr. Henson's office weighed you in at 260 that day? 15 Q. Okay. Did he or the nurse or whoever 15 No, I won't dispute it. 16 gave you the shot explain to you why they were 16 Q. But that would be -- you would think that 17 giving you a Vitamin B-12 shot? 17 would be probably as much as you've -- as you've 18 A. No. 18 weighed during your lifetime? 19 You knew you were getting one? Q. 19 A. I didn't say during my lifetime. I don't 20 Α. 20 know. I better say I don't know because my weight 21 0. All right. Then the next visit with -- I don't know. I don't know. I'll just leave it 21 22 Dr. Henson is about a month later, April 6, 1999. 22 at that. 23 Your weight was found to be 248. So that was one 23 Q. And here again on the -- on the pound less than previously. And there's a note here 24 24 indication of the medications the same as before, 25 where the phentermine prescription is crossed out 25 the phentermine is crossed out and the Adipex 37.5 Page 99 Page 101 and someone wrote in hand Adipex instead of 1 milligrams times 21 days is indicated on there. Do 2 phentermine. So I guess my question to you is, do 2 vou see that? you remember that when you went back to Dr. Henson 3 3 A. Uh-huh. 4

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A. I don't remember that. I thought all of those was phentermine.

Q. You're not disputing or denying that your medicine was changed on April 6, 1999, are you?

A. No. I'm not going to dispute or deny it, but I don't remember.

Q. You don't remember it. Okay. You do see the note on the chart, don't you?

A. Yes, I see it.

Q. All right. And then your next visit would be June 7, 1999, which means that you -- it looks like you had not been back to see him in May and then you were back two months later. Do you recall whether you were supposed to go back to Dr. Henson on a monthly basis and that you missed going to see him in May of '99?

24 A. Yes, I missed it.

Q. Okay. You were supposed to see him once

Q. All right. So to the best of your knowledge did you take whatever Dr. Henson prescribed for you on that occasion?

A. Is this twice he crossed out the phentermine?

9 Q. Well, it could have been. You know, I 10 don't know. It could have been that it was crossed 11 out the first time and it just stayed that way on 12 the chart, but I don't think so because if you look at the April 6 and the June 7, those markings are 13 14 different. So, I mean, it looks -- it looks to me 15 like it was done on two different occasions. Do you 16 have some doubts that he gave you Adipex?

A. I just remember phentermines.

Q. Okay. So looking at this today it surprises you to see Adipex on there?

20 A. Uh-huh. 21

Q. Is that correct?

A. Yes.

23 All right. And then the next visit with 24 Dr. Henson that I've got in these records is on June 18 of 2001 which would be about two years past your 25

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was doing you very much good. Is that right?

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Page 102 Page 104 previous visit. Do you see that, Ms. Stallings? 1 Right. 1 Α. 2 2 You were there to see him per these records on June Q. And would that be indicated by the fact 7, 1999, and then the next visit is June of 2001. 3 that you -- they took your weight at 260 pounds on A. Uh-huh. that June 7, '99 visit, that last one that you had 4 5 5 with him before you stopped going to him for two Q. All right. Do you recall there being 6 about a two-year period --6 vears? 7 7 What was that question again? I missed A. Yes. Α. 8 -- between those visits with Dr. Henson? 8 Q. that. 9 Α. Yes. 9 O. Well, you know, you started seeing him in Q. Tell me why it is that you stopped going 10 February of 1999, and you saw him every month except 10 in May. And then in June after being under his care back to him after your June 1999 visit. 11 11 12 A. I got tired of driving that far, and I 12 for about five months your weight was still at 260. wasn't really doing anything at one pound. So I got So was that -- did that make you feel like the 13 13 tired. Then I felt like the weight was steady going medicine he was prescribing was not effective? 14 14 15 up so I need to try again. 15 A. Right, Yes. Q. So is that why you went back to 16 Q. Okay. All right. Looking at the June 16 17 Dr. Henson in 2001? 17 18, 2001, visit, your weight was recorded to be 233 18 at that time. And let me be sure about this, 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. I understand that the drive to Mobile, 19 Ms. Stallings. Did you see any other physician or health provider in between June of '99 and June of 20 you know, three hours down and back that that was 20 certainly a burden on you. Other than that were you 21 21 2001? 22 satisfied with Dr. Henson's care, other than he was 22 A. I don't remember seeing anyone else. 23 a long way away? 23 Q. Okay. 24 A. Yes. 24 A. I think that was during the period when I 25 25 was on different diets, trying different diets. Q. And you had confidence and trust in him? Page 103 Page 105 1 A. Yes, pretty much. 1 Q. So you were trying to lose weight through 2 Q. Did Dr. Henson at any time talk with you 2 dietina? 3 about the need to be on an exercise program? 3 A. Through different diets. 4 A. He did tell me you need to get some 4 Q. During the two years in between your 5 walking in. 5 visit with Dr. Henson did you maintain your walking 6 Okav. 6 routine? Q. 7 Try to get some walking in. 7 Α. A. That was on and off too. 8 Q. And did you do that? 8 Q. Okay. So some days you would walk and 9 9 Α. Yes. some days you wouldn't? 10 Q. What sort of program were you on when you 10 A. Uh-huh. And some months I would and some were seeing him back in 1999? 11 months I wouldn't. 11 A. It wasn't a program. I would just get up Q. So you were irregular with your exercise 12 12 and walk two miles every morning and do two in the 13 13 program? 14 evening. That was it. 14 A. Yes. Q. So you were walking two miles in the 15 15 And then if I'm hearing you correctly you morning and two miles in the evening? 16 went back to Dr. Henson in 2001 because you were 16 17 A. Yes. 17 still heavier than you wanted to be, and you thought you would take another shot at going back to 18 Q. And taking the medications that he 18 Dr. Henson. Am I putting that fairly? 19 prescribed? 19 20 A. Right. 20 A. Yes. 21 All right. I think you told me that the 21 Okay. And what do you recall about your reason you stopped going to him in addition to the 22 22 visit with Dr. Henson June 18, 2001? It had been

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two years since you had seen him. What do you

remember was the discussion when he came in and saw

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Page 106 1 I don't remember. shows that you were on Adipex. During that time in 2 Ο. You don't recall? 2 1999 did you suffer any sort of problems or symptoms 3 A. No. 3 or complaints of any kind that you associated with 4 taking the medications that Dr. Henson had Q. Okay. That's okay. In looking at the 5 notes that he had made, again he diagnosed you with 5 prescribed for you? 6 exogenous obesity. And the prescription indication 6 A. I was still having the shortness of is phentermine HCL 30 mg, 21 days. Do you see that? 7 7 breath, but like I told you earlier, I couldn't A. Uh-huh. 8 associate it with the medicine because I didn't know 9 And the KCL which we discussed before is 9 whether the medicine was doing it or not. 10 a medication, you know, to regulate potassium 10 Q. Okay. All right. So you've already told levels. I think that's right, Ms. Stallings. 11 11 me that you've had shortness of breath going back 12 That's what my information says. 12 to '95. 13 A. Right. 13 A. Uh-huh. Q. And then Vitamin B-12, 1,000 MCG. Did 14 14 Q. So you had that shortness of breath in 15 they again give you a shot in the office? 15 1999. 16 A. Yes. 16 Uh-huh. Α. 17 O. And then under No. 5 it says diet 17 Q. But what you're telling me is you didn't instructions given. Do you see that? associate it with these medications? 18 18 19 A. Yes. 19 A. No. 20 Q. All right. Do you recall specifically 20 0. There have been -- let me back up. If I what diet instructions were given to you when you 21 21 remember what you told me before lunch, the saw Dr. Henson on June of 2001? 22 22 shortness of breath that you started to experience 23 No, I don't remember anything. in '95 you've continued to have episodes of Α. 23 24 And --Q. 24 shortness of breath right until the present day. 25 He might have said start back walking or Α. 25 Right? Page 107 Page 109 something; but as far as giving out instructions, 1 1 A. Right. 2 Q. Has there been any period for the last that's about it --2 3 Q. All right. 3 nine years where you have -- where those symptoms 4 A. -- like I said. 4 have gone away where, for example, you had as much 5 Q. And as I've asked you before, you're not 5 as an entire week where you never experienced 6 denying or disputing that either Dr. Henson or his 6 shortness of breath? 7 nurse, someone who came in and saw you that day, 7 A. No. 8 gave you some instructions about diet. You're not 8 Q. All right. Would you say it's a daily 9 denying or disputing that? 9 thing, that at least once a day since 1995 you've 10 A. No. 10 had at least one occasion every day where you had 11 Okay. And then there's an indication at Q. 11 this feeling of shortness of breath? 12 the bottom RTO, which I think means return to office, 12 A. No. 13 July 14 at 10 o'clock. Do you see that? 13 Q. All right. So it wouldn't be a daily 14 A. Yes. 14 thing? 15 15

Now, this is the last note that I've got in the records that were provided to us. Can you tell me why it is that you did not return to see Dr. Henson after the June 18, 2001, visit?

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A. I think I didn't lose any. The pills just didn't work anymore, so I just didn't go back.

Q. All right. Now, you've seen the records, and you know now that you were with Dr. Henson on several occasions in 1999 starting in February, ending in June. And during that time his records indicate that he had you on phentermine and then it

A. I missed that question. Yes, it would be 16 a daily thing.

17 That's what I was asking. Q.

> Α. Yes.

19 Q. So since 1995 right up to the present 20 you've had at least one episode of feeling short of breath every day? 21

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Q. All right. So that's been a constant

24 thing.

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25 A. Yes.

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- Q. Now, we know from looking back at these records that there have been periods of time that
- you've been on the phentermine medication or the 3 4 Adipex and there have been times that you've been
- 5 off the medication.
- 6 A. Right.

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- 7 Q. Is that right?
- A. Riaht. 8
- 9 Q. And I want to go back and do that all over again. But you understand that what we've 10
- talked about here today has included times that 11
- 12 you've been off the medication and times that you've
- 13 been on it?
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
 - Ο. Have you noticed an improvement in your symptoms during the times that you were off the medication?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Okay. So the shortness of breath has pretty much stayed the same whether you were on the 20 21 medication or off the medication?
- 22 A. I think it's worsening. The shortness of 23 breath is worsening. And just like last year -starting last year I started having chest pains 24
- where I have to just sit up in the bed. And then I 25

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- under Dr. Henson's care in February -- from February 2 of 1998 through June of 1998. You know how we
- 3 established that you missed your May appointment?
- You know, you had been to him in February? 5
 - A. Uh-huh.
- 6 You had been to him in March, you had Q. 7 been to him in April, but then you missed your May 8 visit. Correct?
 - Α. Riaht.
- 10 Q. And you were out of medication from May 11 until you went back to Dr. Henson in June. Correct?
- 12 Right.
- 13 Do you recall for that month that you Q. 14 weren't taking any weight loss medication, do you 15 remember that your shortness of breath improved, got worse, or staved about the same? 16
- 17 A. It stayed about the same. It didn't 18 improve.
- 19 Q. Did you take any weight loss medication 20 of any kind after your last visit with Dr. Henson in June of 2001? 21
- 22 A. Excuse me. Metabolift or Metabolife 23 one. Metabolift.
- 24 Q. Metobolife?
 - A. Yes, Metabolift. One of those.

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- can lay back down after a while, about 15 minutes or so and just calm down and then I just go back to sleep. So the chest pains started like last year.
- Q. So in the last year these symptoms have gotten worse?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And you've had a feeling of more involvement of your heart?
- 9 A. Yes. Yes, sir.
- Q. Well, let's talk about the -- I am going 10 to go back -- and I don't mean to, you know, beat a 11 12 dead horse here. I'd like to move forward and keep 13 going, but I just -- I do need to backtrack on this. 14 Back when you were seeing Dr. Conner from '92 to '95 there were periods of time that you were not on the 15
- phentermine medication, either Fastin or Adipex 16 17 during that three-year period.
 - A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Right?
- 20 A. Uh-huh.
- 21 Q. Strike that. You told me you didn't
- really start getting the shortness of breath until 22
- after you had seen Dr. Conner. So I'll withdraw 23 24 that question. I apologize.
 - Let's look at the time that you were

Q. Okay. Is that --

- A. Over the counter.
- 3 Q. Okay. That's an over-the-counter weight 4 loss medication?
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 - A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Where do you get that? 7
 - A. I got that at Wal-Mart. I tried that.
 - Q. How long have you been taking it?
- 9 A. I didn't take it long. I couldn't take
- 10 those. I got them and I tried them. I maybe took
- them about a week because they made my heart beat 11
- 12 too fast. So I left those alone. 13
 - Q. That's an over-the-counter?
- 14 A. Yes. 15
 - Q. And the name of it is Metabolift?
 - A. It's Metabolift or Metabolife. One of
- 17 those. 18
 - MR. DORSEY: I think it's -- it's also
- 19 listed as Metabolite too. Metabolite and
- 20 Metabolife.
- 21 MR. WIENER:
- 22 Q. And you say that you got that on one occasion at Wal-Mart? 23
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And took it for about a week?

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1	A. Yes.	1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Is it a pill?	2	Q. So sometime June 2002 through the present
3	A. Yes, it's a pill.	3	is when you took the Metabolite?
4	Q. And how often do you take it?	4	A. Right.
5	A. I was taking it once a day. No, let me	5	Q. This is, of course, June 28, 2004. Did
6	back that up. You take it three times a day. One	6	you take the Metabolite this year?
7	pill like every four hours.	7	A. No.
8	Q. And the package that you got from	8	Q. So it was either in 2002 or 2003?
9	Wal-Mart, was it supposed to last you longer than a	9	A. Yes.
10	week?	10	Q. And could you give me a best judgment as
11	A. That was like 60 capsules in there. So I	11	to which of those years it was?
12	90 capsules. So I think it was like a month	12	A. I'll be guessing. About 2003.
13	supply every day.	13	Q. Well, we're not going to hold you to
14	Q. But you quit taking it after a week?	14	that. I know that you're just giving me the best
15	A. Yes.	15	estimate that you've got.
16	Q. Because you thought it was making your	16	All right. So just to complete the
17	heart race?	17	answer to my question, then, after seeing Dr. Henson
18	A. Right. It was so I left it alone.	18	for the last time on June 18, 2001, the only
19	Q. Am I describing that correctly? What was	19	occasion since then right up until the present that
20	it doing to your heart?	20	you've taken a medicine for weight loss was when you
21	A. Making it beat real fast.	21	went to Wal-Mart and took that Metabolite for a
22	Q. Okay. And you associated that with the	22	week. Is that correct?
23	medication?	23	A. Yes.
24	A. With the?	24	i i
25	Q. With the Metabolife.	25	Q. You haven't been to any other doctor? A. Not that I recall.
23	Q. With the Metabolile.	23	A. Not triat I recail.
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- Q. Okay. And what about exercise? Since seeing Dr. Henson in 2001 have you -- how have you been doing on your walking routine?
 - A. I haven't been doing much.
- Q. Okay. And as of the present -- say, like for the last week have you done any of your morning or evening walks?
 - A. No.
- 0. Let me show you the last page of this information that we got from Dr. Henson. It's called Important Notice.

MR. WIENER: Have you got that, Brandon, that last page on there?

MR. DORSEY: Yes.

MR. WIENER: All right. If you'd show

that to Ms. Stallings.

19 MS. WIENER:

> Q. Ms. Stallings, take a moment and read that, please. I want to -- we'll just go off the

record because I want you to read this form and then

23 I'm going to ask you some questions about it. So

24 let's just take about a two-minute break while

25 Ms. Stallings reads that. And, Ms. Stallings,

remember, now, if you want to take a break, you need to, you know, use the restroom, get a drink of

water, you just let me know.

A. Okav.

So if you need to do that now that's fine or if you want to do it after -- after that, that's okay too.

MR. WIENER: Let's just take a break for about two minutes.

(OFF THE RECORD.)

11 MR. WIENER:

- 12 Q. Ms. Stallings, have you had a chance to read this last page of what's been marked as Exhibit 13 14 4, Important Notice Regarding Weight Loss Medications? In the bottom right-hand corner it has 15 a No. 0009. Do you see that? Let's be sure we're 16 17 looking at the same thing.
 - A. Bottom --
- 19 Q. In the bottom right-hand corner.
- 20 A. Okay. Yes.
- 21 Q. Does it say 0009?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. All right. You'll notice that there's a
- 24 date on here, 8th day of February, 1999. In fact,
- 25 that date's put on there in two locations. Do you

1 see that?

A. Uh-huh, ves.

Q. And that's the date of your first visit with Dr. Henson.

A. Yes.

So that tells me that as part of your Ο. initial visit he had you fill out this form with the information that's on here. So let's -- let's go through this. And can you -- let me read the first

10 paragraphs for you and then I'll stop in the

11 middle. This says, "Important notice regarding

12 weight loss medications. Information recently made

available indicates that the use of weight reduction 13 medications Pondimin (fenfluramine hydrochloride) 14

15 and Redux (dexfenfluramine hydrochloride) could

16 produce serious adverse effects to the user's health

17 including possible" -- I think that's supposed to be

18 abnormal. You might have a typo. It says adnormal.

19 But I think it's "possible abnormal heart valve

20 findings (valvular heart disease) and primary

21 pulmonary hypertension (PPH). This office does not,

22 has not, and will not prescribe either of these

23 medications. Instead, we prescribe, when

24 appropriate for a particular patient, phentermine,

25 an entirely different medication. But we are

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Page 121 concerned that our patients may have taken Pondimin

2 and Redux on prescription from another physician.

3 Consequently, we require all patients to disclose

whether or not they have taken either Pondimin or 4 5 Redux. Please initial the box beside the correct

6 answer to the following question: Have you ever

7 taken Pondimin (fenfluramine hydrochloride) or Redux

(dexfenfluramine hydrochloride)?" And then there's 8

9 a place to check yes or check no. Do you see that,

10 Ms. Stallings? A. Yes. 11

12 Q. All right. Can you tell me how you

13 completed the form? Did you check yes or no or what 14 did you do? 15

A. I said no.

Q. All right. You checked no?

17 Uh-huh.

18 All right. And the form goes on to say, 19 "If your answer is yes, we will require that you

20 undergo a thorough evaluation by a cardiologist

before receiving treatment in this office. A copy 21

22 of the evaluation must be supplied to us for

23 inclusion in your records. We are constantly

concerned about the well-being of our patients. We 24

25 care about you. Edmond C. Henson, M.D." And then

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Q. -- as well. I guess that's that KCL that

we saw on those records. So did you go from

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Page 122 it says, "Receipt of a copy hereof is acknowledged Dr. Henson's office and then take the prescription this 8th day of February, 1999." And then it has 2 2 that he gave you over to the K-Mart Pharmacy in 3 "Brenda Stallings, patient signature." Do you see 3 Mobile? 4 that, Ms. Stallings? 4 A. Yes. 5 A. Uh-huh. 5 Q. Was the pharmacy pretty close to his 6 Q. And is that your signature on the form? 6 office? 7 A. Yes, it is. 7 Α. 8 Q. All right. And did I read the form 8 Q. All right. About how far away was it? 9 correctly as we went through it? 9 A. Oh, really a couple of blocks. Like a 10 A. Yes, sir. 10 block over. 11 Now, you did not undergo an evaluation by 11 Q. Was that a pharmacy that you chose or did 12 a cardiologist back in February of 1999, did you? Dr. Henson or his office recommend that pharmacy? 12 13 A. No. 13 A. Oh, they recommend to go there. They 14 Q. All right. And you understood that the 14 said it was close by. purpose of this form was Dr. Henson wanted to be 15 Q. And did the people there give you good 15 16 particularly aware of whether you had either taken 16 service when you went by there with the 17 Pondimin or Redux which are other kinds of 17 prescription? weight-loss medications than phentermine? You 18 18 A. Yes. understood that. Right? 19 19 Q. All right. To your knowledge, have you 20 A. Yes. 20 received prescriptions from any -- and this would be 21 And you confirmed to him that you had not for any medicine, not just weight-loss medication. 21 taken either of those drugs. Correct? 22 But is there any other pharmacy that you have used. 22 23 A. Yes. 23 let's say, since 1990, all right, the last 14 years 24 Now you according to the records and your 24 or so, have you gotten prescription medication at 25 testimony here today did not take any more 25 anyplace other than this K-Mart in Mobile or the Page 123 weight-loss medication be it phentermine or Adipex 1 Food Max that's inside the -- the pharmacy that's in 1 after your last visit with Dr. Henson in June of 2 2 the Food Max in Starkville? 3 2001? A. Uh-huh. It would be City Drugstore. 3 4 A. That's correct. 4 O. Where is that located? 5 Q. All right. Since that time your 5 That's in Macon. A. 6 shortness of breath symptoms have continued on a Q. What kind of medication do you recall 6 7 daily basis. Right? 7 getting from City Drugs? 8 A. Yes. 8 A. Oh, God, I don't know. I'm just going 9 9 Q. And they have gotten worse -off what -- the question you asked, within 14 years 10 A. Yes. 10 any medicine. I don't know exactly. But it would -- in the last year? 11 Q. 11 be that one. 12 Yes. Α. 12 Q. So is that kind of your home pharmacy? 13 Okay. Do you recall what pharmacy you 13 Α. 14 used to fill the medications that Dr. Henson 14 Q. You know, just whatever miscellaneous 15 prescribed for you? 15 thing you might need you might go to the City A. It was K-Mart. And one of the other 16 Drugstore in Macon? 16 17 stores. I don't remember one of the other ones. 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. We have gotten some records from K Mart 18 Q. And when you went to see Dr. Henson you 19 Pharmacy in Mobile, Alabama -used the K-Mart --19 20 A. Uh-huh. 20 A. Riaht. Q. -- that include the phentermine and it 21 21 -- near his office? Q. 22 looks to be potassium chloride --22 Α. 23 A. Uh-huh. 23 And when you were seeing Dr. Conner you

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went to that Food Max in Starkville?

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Page 126 Page 128 1 Q. Let me go over the fact sheet 1 more than one type of phentermine product please 2 2 information. complete this chart, including a description for 3 MR. WIENER: And maybe if you've got an 3 each separate phentermine product." And then it's 4 extra copy of that, Brandon, to --4 got this little table that lists different types of 5 MR. DORSEY: I'm not sure if I have a 5 diet drugs. And as I understand it, this 6 copy of the one that was actually filed. 6 handwriting is yours. You filled this out? 7 MR. WIENER: All right. This would be 7 Uh-huh. Α. 8 8 All right. The first -- the first page 17. 0. 9 MR. DORSEY: I think these are different. 9 medication -- and you tell me if I'm wrong. This is 10 MR. WIENER: I may need to come around the way I'm reading this. The first medication that 10 and look over Ms. Stallings' shoulder. Are you 11 you listed on here as having taken was phentermine 11 12 going to be able to hear me? 12 where it says Adipex, white, blue spots, tablet, 13 MR. MANSFIELD: Excuse me. Whenever 7/12/93, which was the date first taken. 13 there's a convenient time if v'all could have that 14 Approximate date last taken, 7/29/94. And it shows 14 pharmacy record faxed to us we would appreciate it. 15 15 Dr. Douglas Conner. Now, above that you've got 16 MR. WIENER: All right. The pharmacy Dr. Henson --16 17 record? 17 Α. That was an accident. 18 MR. MANSFIELD: Right. 18 Well, I was going to ask you. That would 19 MS. WALKER: Yes, that one from --19 have been in the section that's for fenfluramine 20 MR. MANSFIELD: K-Mart. 20 Pondimin, but I didn't -- I didn't interpret it that MR. WIENER: Okay. All right. I'm going 21 21 way. Why don't you tell me. You said it was an 22 to give this to Brandon. And I think that the 22 accident --23 pharmacy returned it with these little information 23 Α. Uh-huh. 24 sheets, but I promise you by the time this one gets 24 Q. -- that you put Dr. Henson up there? 25 faxed you won't be able to read it. But the one --25 Α. Yes. I should have erased it and then go Page 129 I'm going to just give him the one page that lists back and get that off, white it out, and I forgot to 1 1 2 the different medications prescribed by Dr. Henson. 2 go back and white it out. 3 MS. LIND: Are you able to read the NDC 3 Q. That's okay. As we I think established 4 numbers on that? 4 earlier today on the records, both Dr. Conner and 5 5 Dr. Henson both prescribed you Adipex at one time or MR. WIENER: Let me look. 6 MS. LIND: The other question is once it 6 another. Is that correct? 7 gets faxed to us are we going to be able to read the 7 Α. Riaht. 8 NDC numbers? 8 But in any event, when you put Dr. Henson 9 MR. WIENER: I think so. Yes. I think 9 up here in this box which would have been across from fenfluramine Pondimin, you didn't mean to do 10 you'll be able to read everything on this form. 10 11 MS. LIND: Are those the only pharmacy 11 that. That was a mistake? 12 records that you have? 12 A. That was a mistake. 13 MR. WIENER: I think so. Yes. Yes, 13 All right. Because, as we discussed a 14 that's the only one I've got. 14 moment ago, on that form that we had with Dr. 15 (OFF THE RECORD.) 15 Henson's office, you didn't take Pondimin, did you? 16 MR. WIENER: 16 Α. No.

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Q. Thank you. Ms. Stallings, pardon me looking over your shoulder but I want to be sure we're looking at the same information on this particular part of your fact sheet. We're looking at page 17, section 6, Diet Drug Use. This is a little chart that you filled out indicating which weight-loss medications you had been on. It says, "Please complete the following chart with respect to each diet medication you have taken. If you took

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medication that you list is a capsule, blue and white. Is that beads or --

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20 A. Yes. With beads inside.

21 Q. 1999 to 2001, Dr. Henson. And that was 22 correct information?

All right. Then the next phentermine

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And then you have phentermine capsule, clear with blue, 1992 to '95, '99 to 2001,

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Page 130 Page 132 Dr. Douglas Conner, Dr. Henson. 1 1 How many did they have in the group? 2 A. Riaht. 2 A. I think it was three or four. I'm not 3 Of course, the 1992 to '95, that goes 3 certain, but three or four peoples. with Dr. Conner. And '99 to 2001, that goes with 4 And did anybody accompany you when you 5 Dr. Henson. Is that right? 5 went? 6 Α. Yes. 6 Α. No. 7 Okay. All right. Ms. Stallings, I have 7 Just by yourself? Q. 8 a record that you underwent something called an 8 A. Yes. 9 echocardiogram in April of 2001. And the report 9 All right. Were there any other people Q. that came back is from a TriCounty Doctors in 10 10 there? Kissimmee, Florida. I may not be pronouncing that 11 11 A. Yes, it was. 12 right. 12 Q. Other people getting an echocardiogram? 13 MR. WIENER: Does anybody know how to 13 A. Yes. Waiting to get an echo. And were there any attorneys there as you 14 pronounce that? 14 Q. 15 MR. DORSEY: Kissimmee. 15 remember? 16 MR. WIENER: Kissimmee? 16 I didn't see any attorney. Α. 17 MR. DORSEY: Kissimmee. 17 Not that you know of? Q. MR. WIENER: I'm not even going to try it 18 18 Α. 19 19 again. Q. And you weren't there with an attorney? 20 MR. WIENER: 20 Α. 21 Q. Did you go to Florida to do an 21 Q. Tell me what happened on the occasion echocardiogram or was it -- was the procedure done 22 22 where you gave the echocardiogram at the Holiday Inn somewhere else and sent to Florida? 23 23 in Columbus. 24 A. It was done in Columbus --24 A. I just went in and told them I was 25 25 scheduled for the echo. And they sent me to the Q. Okay. Page 131 1 Α. -- and sent to Florida. room where I should get it done at. I went in and 2 Q. Columbus, Mississippi? 2 he examined me with a -- I don't know what you call 3 3 Α. that machine, but it did like a -- roll it on and 4 Who performed -- first of all, where was Q. showed up on the screen or whatever. It was taking 4 5 it performed? pictures of it. 5 6 A. At the Holiday Inn. 6 Q. Is that like ultrasound? Okay. And who was there on the occasion 7 7 A. Yes. 8 at the Holiday Inn? 8 Q. Okay. All right. And is that what the 9 A. You mean who did it? test consisted of? 9 10 Q. Yes. 10 A. 11 Α. Tri whoever. Whoever's on there. What's Okay. It was just them rubbing some sort 11 Q. the name of it? 12 12 of medical implement on your chest? 13 Q. TriCounty Doctors. 13 A. Yes. 14 A. TriCounty Doctors was there. They're the 14 How long did it take them to do that? Q. one that did it. 15 15 About 15 minutes. Α. Q. All right. So was it someone who 16 16 Q. Okay. And that was it? 17 appeared to you to be a technician or a nurse or was 17 A. That was it. 18 it a physician? Do you remember who it was that did All right. So the procedure consisted of 18 19 the procedure for you? 19 you going into a room and a nurse or a technician A. It appeared to be doctors, but I didn't 20 used this medical device, rubbed it around your 20 21 have no proof of it. 21 chest, and you got up and left? That was it? 22 Q. All right. You never got a name? 22 That was it. Α. 23 Α. No. 23 Q. No discussion with that person that you 24 How many people were there that it was 24 remember? your impression they were with TriCounty Doctors? 25 Α. None.

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Page 134 1 Did you receive a copy of the report of chest pains and stuff started I'm just assuming that 2 2 that echocardiogram? Have you seen it? that really just had to have something to do with it 3 A. Yes. -- those pills. 3 4 Q. Okay. Let me show you what has been 4 Q. All right. No doctor has told you that? 5 produced to us as the report of that echocardiogram. 5 Huh-uh. No. Α. MR. WIENER: And, again, we're going to 6 6 No health provider of any type has told Ο. 7 7 make a nonhighlighted copy for the deposition. you that? 8 A. Okay. 8 A. No. 9 9 MR. WIENER: And you're telling me that in the last 10 Q. All right. Have you had a chance to look 10 year your heart symptoms have gotten a lot worse? at that? 11 11 A. Yes. 12 A. Yes. 12 And I think one of the symptoms you 13 Q. Do you recall seeing that report before? 13 related to me was that your heart starts beating 14 Α. Yes. 14 quickly. 15 MR. WIENER: Okay. Let me go ahead and 15 A. Uh-huh. get that marked as the next exhibit. 16 16 Q. Now, you've also mentioned chest pain? 17 (EXHIBIT NO. 5 MARKED.) 17 Α. 18 MR. WIENER: 18 Q. When did you start to experience chest O. All right. Ms. Stallings, you see that 19 19 pain? this report is signed by an "A" -- initial "A" 20 20 Α. It was around 2003 when I started having 21 Razzak, R-a-z-z-a-k, Tai, T-a-i, M.D. Have you had 21 real bad chest pains. any discussions with Dr. Tai about this 22 22 Q. Okay. And are you still having them now? 23 echocardiogram? 23 Yes, they come and go. That chest pain. 24 A. No. 24 they come and go. You know, there are sometimes 25 Other than possibly discussing this with 25 when I just can't even sleep or something. They Q. Page 135 Page 137 your attorneys, have you discussed this report with 1 come and go. It's not like an everyday thing. 2 anyone else? 2 Q. Has it gotten better or worse since 2003? 3 A. No. 3 A. I'll just say worse. 4 4 Have you received any echocardiograms or Q. You say worse. And do you experience chest pain at the same time that you're experiencing 5 undergone that same testing procedure on another 5 occasion, other than the one we just talked about? 6 6 shortness of breath or do you experience those at a 7 No. 7 separate ---8 8 0. So this occasion when you went to the A. It's separate. It's a separate -- it's a 9 Holiday Inn in April of 2001 and had the 9 separate thing. 10 echocardiogram done and it was sent off to Dr. Tai 10 Q. Okay. How often have you been having in Florida, that's the one and only time that you've 11 episodes of chest pain? Let's say on a daily 11 12 ever had an echocardiogram. Is that correct? basis. Do you think you have an episode of it once 12 13 A. That's it. 13 a day? 14 Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned this morning 14 A. Huh-uh. Not the chest pain. It's -- I that you have a concern for -- that taking diet drug 15 15 don't know how to put this. It's not a daily thing. 16 medication may possibly have caused damage to your 16 It may happen maybe -- I hate to put a time on it 17 heart valves. You've made some reference like 17 because -that. Do I remember that correctly? 18 18 Q. That's okay. You've already made it 19 A. Yes. 19 clear you're estimating. So we're not holding you 20 Tell me about that. When did you develop 20 to that. I'm just trying to get a general idea. a concern that you had suffered damage to your heart 21 A. Within a week, maybe once or twice. 21 22 valves? 22 Q. Describe for me the type of pain it is.

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Page 138 too, but it's not like the same as the shortness of breath but I have to try to gasp for air like I'm cut off some kind of way.

Q. All right. So you have a feeling of tightness in your chest.

A. Yes.

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A. Yes. It's like a --

Q. -- chest as opposed to in the back?

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12 Q. And how long does that feeling of tightness generally last? 13

A. Oh, one time -- I think the longest one was about 15 minutes.

Q. Which I'm sure when it's happening that's a long time.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Is the usual episode shorter than that?

A. Yes, it might be a little. Yes, I

21 quess. I don't know.

22 Q. Is there anything that seems to bring on

23 the chest pain? Any activity that you do?

24 A. No. Sometimes it just happens.

> Just like your shortness of breath, you Q.

could be sitting down?

2 Α. Yes.

> Q. It happens at night when you're sleeping?

4 Α. Yes.

It happens when you're working? 5 Q.

Α. Yes.

O. Is there anything that you have found that you can do when you have that feeling of chest pain to make it resolve?

A. Not really. Just be creative. Just try to find a way to get some air in. Just sit still for a few minutes and wait until it pass.

Q. Have you been to a doctor about these episodes of chest pain?

A. No.

Q. You're not taking any medication for it?

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Have you had any other symptoms in the last year that you think might be associated with taking diet drug medication? You've mentioned shortness of breath. You've mentioned chest pain. Anything else?

23 A. And light-headed and dizziness sometimes, but I don't know if that's associated with it. 24

Q. Does your light-headedness and dizziness,

Page 140 is that something separate from the episodes of

shortness of breath and separate from the chest pain or does the light-headedness and dizziness happen while you're having these other things?

A. Sometimes it's while I'm having it and then it can be sometimes it just happens. And like I lose my balance or something.

O. So sometimes you get dizzy without first having a shortness of breath or having chest pain?

10 Yes. But that's not regular. It just happen.

12 Q. That's infrequent?

> Yes. A.

14 Q. Something that happens -- what? -- every 15 few months maybe?

> Oh, God.... A.

17 Q. Hard to say?

A. It's hard to say.

19 O. Okay. And there again, have you sought medical treatment about any dizzy spells that you've 20

21 had or light-headedness?

> No. A.

23 What is your financial situation in terms Q. 24 of medical care? I'm not meaning to get into your

25 -- you know, just general finances. But do you

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1 have -- do you have health insurance?

2 A. Well, now I do. Through my husband I 3 do. But for a while it was just me working with no insurance just on a prayer that nobody got sick. 4

5 But now I do have it.

Q. You're on your husband's insurance --

Uh-huh. Α.

-- at his job? Q.

9 Α. Yes.

10 How long have you been on his insurance? Q.

Oh, married for seven years. I've been

12 on it about five years.

13 Q. Okay. And that's Kerr Magee where he 14 works. Right?

Α. Yes.

16 Do they have a pretty good health plan so 17 far as you know?

A. Yes.

Q. And before you got on your husband's 19 20 health plan five years ago, you didn't have any type of medical insurance? 21

A. (Shook head negatively.)

23 Q. How did you pay for the visits that you 24 had with Dr. Conner back in '92 to '95?

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- Q. Just cash. Okay.
- 2 (Nodded head affirmatively.)
 - And when you were seeing Dr. Henson in '99, do you recall how you paid for those visits?
 - A. Cash.

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- Ο. Okay. Do you know whether you're eligible for any other type of financial benefits through a government program be it Medicaid, Medicare? Anything like that?
 - Α. No.
 - You haven't checked it out? 0.
- 12 A. I'm not eligible.
 - Q. Not eligible. All right. Let me show you a document that was -- that you executed in connection with your case that we're talking about today. This is an updated list of medical providers that apparently you signed on March 31 of this year. Let me get you to look at that.
 - A. (Reviewed document.)
 - All right. Do you recall filling out Q. that form and signing it March 31 of this year?
 - A. I don't remember it, but I filled out so many forms.
 - All right. And that's your signature? Q.
 - That's my signature, yes. A.

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- A. And I got it out of the courthouse out of my file. I requested a copy of what was in there, 2 and I just read some of the stuff that was in there.
- 4 Q. I see. Okay. So you've read some 5 information that tells you that diet drug medication 6 can cause heart valve problems --
 - Α. Uh-huh.
 - Q. -- in some patients?
 - Α. Yes.
- 10 0. All right. You haven't received any information that says that you have suffered heart 12 valve damage, have you?
 - Α. No.
- 14 Ο. All right. And no doctor or other 15 medical provider has told you that you have any 16 heart value damage, have they?
 - No. A.
- 18 Q. All right. You mentioned looking at the 19 court file after the Colom Law Firm in Columbus had 20 filed a suit for you. Let's talk about -- what 21 prompted you to decide to bring this lawsuit? What 22 was it that made you think I need to -- I need to be a plaintiff and bring a suit based on taking diet 23 24 drug medication?
 - A. I don't know how to answer that.

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- Q. All right. And you understood at the time that that was asking you to update an earlier list that you had put together of your medical providers?
 - Α. Uh-huh.
- And so far as you know sitting here today have you provided all of the information about the physicians and clinics and pharmacies where you have gone for -- to take weight-loss medication?
 - A. As far as I can recall, yes.

MR. WIENER: Okay. All right. Let me get that marked as the next exhibit, please.

(EXHIBIT NO. 6 MARKED.)

14 MR. WIENER:

- Q. Now, Ms. Stallings, you mentioned earlier today and we had started to talk about it a moment ago -- you made a specific reference to heart valves. And I'm wondering where did you get information that diet drugs could cause damage to heart valves or that you had suffered potential damage to your heart valves?
- 22 A. Well, I can't say I suffer it, but I got 23 it out of the -- Wilbur Colom had filed the case for 24 me back in '99.
 - Q. Right.

Q. Well, let me start with you this: Did you see an advertisement?

A. No.

Because that's how some people get involved in these things. They see an ad that says if you took a certain kind of medication you might be entitled to certain legal remedies. So are you telling me that it wasn't an advertisement that made you think about filing a suit?

A. Okay. It was a -- our state representative was taking -- getting names of people that might have taken this drug. She came by my salon, and she said, "If you know of anybody that have taken this drug let me know. Tell them to get in touch with me."

And I looked at the list. And I said, "Well, I've taken these."

And she said, "Well, you can put your name on the list too. And we're having a meeting over at my office on Friday," or whatever day it was, "and to bring your pill bottles and everything with you." So I went over there and signed up and gave them the pill bottles. And she said it could cause -- you know, it's going to mess your heart up.

Okay. Who was that? You said the state

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1	representative?	1	nature?
2	 A. Oh, I hate to give is it okay to give 	2	A. It was about a year about two years
3	her name?	3	later.
4	MR. DORSEY: Yes.	4	Q. I see. Now, you've already told me that
5	A. Reesie Dixon.	5	the only other I think you've told me the only
6	MR. WIENER:	6	other sort of legal proceeding that you've been a
7	Q. And what do you mean by "state	7	party to was that EEOC discrimination matter with
8	representative"?	8	the Macon City Police. Is that right?
9	A. I'm just saying who she was. That's	9	A. That I gave that I was in a deposition
10	where I get it from.	10	for.
11	Q. I mean, are you talking about she's in	11	Q. Oh, okay. Have you ever been involved in
12	the house of representatives?	12	another legal claim?
13	A. Yes.	13	A. Oh, it was an insurance claim. What was
14	Q. All right. Is she also an attorney?	14	the name of it. Combined Insurance, I think.
15	A. No.	15	Q. What was the nature of it?
16	Q. Okay. Do you know if she was working for	16	A. They overcharged the clients. And I
17	a law firm at the time?	17	never got anything out of it. It's just my name was
18 19	A. I can't say for definite she was, but I'm thinking she was. But I'm not	18	on it.
20		19	Q. I see. So is it was this a situation
21	Q. Where was the meeting that you went and	20	where you signed up in a lawsuit that
22	took the pill bottles and actually signed up? A. It was at her office.	21 22	A. Yes.
23	Q. At her office?	23	Q lots of other people were signing up?
24	A. In Macon.	24	A. Yes.
25	Q. Who else was present at the meeting? I	25	Q. And the name of the company again was what?
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1	mean, were there any attorneys there?	1	A. Combined Insurance.
2	A. Yes.	2	Q. Cumbide?
3	Q. I don't want to get into what was	3	A. Combine.
4	discussed, but I just want to know who was there.	4	Q. Oh, Combine?
5	A. Eason, E-a-s-o-n, Mitchell.	5	A. C-o-m-b-i-n-e-d.
6	Q. Okay.	6	Q. All right. Combined Insurance. So you
7	A. He was there. Just him and her.	7	who was the law firm that represented you in
8	Q. And was anyone there from the Colom Law	8	that?
9	Firm?	9	A. That was Eason Mitchell.
10	A. He was, Mr. Mitchell.	10	Q. Okay. Also Colom Law Firm?
11	Q. That's who Mr. Mitchell is?	11	A. Right.
12	A. Yes.	12	Q. But your understanding is that the case
13	Q. All right. And did you bring pill	13	just never materialized?
14	bottles with you at that time?	14	A. Right.
15	A. Yes.	15	Q. Is the case over so far as you know?
16	Q. All right. And do you recall what	16	A. I don't know.
17	medications you brought with you?	17	Q. You don't know?
18	A. Phentermines and the Adipex.	18	A. They don't tell us nothing.
19	Q. And after that you signed up and were	19	Q. You didn't give a deposition in that
20	advised that a suit had been filed on your behalf?	20	case, though?
21	A. Yes.	21	A. No.
22	Q. And it was after that time that you went	22	Q. All right. Have you been involved in any
23	to the courthouse, looked through the court file,	23	other legal claims?
24	got some of that background information about diet	24	A. I think that's it.
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25	drugs causing heart valve damage and things of that	25	Q. Do you know if a suit was filed on that

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Page 150 Combined Insurance matter? Was there a lawsuit 1 1 had heart surgery. That was enough to say yes. 2 filed? 2 3 A. No, I don't think. I don't know. 3 who died of heart --4 O. You don't know? 4 A. Her name was --A. I don't know how to answer that. 5 5 O. -- heart problems? 6 Q. All right. Have you done any other sort 6 7 of reading or investigation about diet drugs, other 7 8 than the time you went to look at the court file? 8 9 A. No. 9 10 Ο. Have you spoken with anybody else, not 10 triple bypass surgery on hers. your attorneys, but have you spoken with 11 11 12 Ms. Jackson or any other coworkers, friends, 12 had she taken diet drug medication? 13 neighbors, anybody --A. Yes, she had. 13 14 A. No. 14 15 Q. -- about diet drugs and problems that you 15 present a claim on account of her death? 16 might be having, problems that other people might be 16 having? Any sort of general discussion like that? 17 but she died like a month after. 17 18 A. No. 18 Q. I see. 19 Q. So the fact that you're involved in a 19 Yes. Α. diet drug case, that's something that you've more or 20 20 Q. less kept between you and your attorneys? 21 21 Ms. Harris about diet drugs? A. Yes. And the girl I used to work with, 22 22 Α. Not really, no. now. We know because she took it too. So she 23 23 Q. 24 knows. 24 25 Q. All right. And that was? 25 Page 151 1 Α. Mary Sanders. O. Mary Sanders. I'm sorry. Where is 2 2 3 Ms. Sanders today? I mean, where does she live 3 diet druas? 4 today? 4 5 A. In Macon. She's in Macon. 5 about it. 6 Okay. Did you ever keep a diary or 6 Q. Okay. 7 journal where you wrote down any information about 7 8 the symptoms you're experiencing or about going to 8 9 the doctor or anything like that? 9 it. 10 Α. No. 10 Q. All right. And did you understand that This may be similar to what I've already 11 Q. 11 12 asked you, but, you know, I asked you if you had 12 done any other investigation or reading. Have you 13 13 14 seen any newspaper articles or TV spots or anything 14

on the television about diet drugs? A. Not a whole -- not in detail. Just they might have mentioned something about a drug or something, but I don't remember exactly what it was.

- O. But you haven't relied on anything you've seen in the newspaper or the TV --
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- -- in deciding to file this suit or --Q.
- Α. No.
- 24 Q. -- in testifying today?
 - I had a friend to die and another friend

- O. Tell me about that. Who was the friend
- -- Angela Harris. She had a heart attack. She died. And another friend of mine that goes to church with me, she had -- she was in this lawsuit thing too, and she had to have surgery --
 - Q. And did Ms. Harris, the lady that died,
- Q. And does her survivors have a -- did they
- Well, actually, she had presented a claim
- Did you ever have any discussion with
 - Were you aware that there was a national class action that involved people who had taken certain diet drugs? Were you -- let me just stop

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you there. Were you aware that there was a national class action suit involving people who had taken

- A. I think that's when Ms. Dixon told me
- A. That's when I became aware, when she mentioned it. Other than that I haven't heard about
- you would be included in that national class action case which resulted in a settlement unless you chose to what they call opt out; in other words, to break away from that and to not be a part of it? Did you understand that?
 - A. No.

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MR. WIENER: All right. Well, let me pose this to Brandon. And I know I'm not taking your deposition, Brandon, but in the materials that I've been provided I do not find an Opt-Out form for Ms. Stallings. And so if you've got one I would love to see it. And if not I think it's something we need to address. But I'll keep going. No need to stop while you look through your file. But let me just make that request to you.

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Page 154 Page 156 1 MR. WIENER: 1 in --2 Q. Ms. Stallings --2 Α. No. 3 MR. WIENER: Have you got it? 3 Q. -- preparation for today's deposition? 4 MR. DORSEY: This is the Blue Form. It's 4 A. No. 5 dated March -- well, it's dated March 12 of '03. 5 I forgot to ask you, Ms. Stallings. Have Q. And it has the echocardiogram attached to it. I 6 you ever served in the military? don't know if you were given a copy of that or not. 7 7 A. No. MR. WIENER: Well, Brandon, I think the 8 8 Q. Let's talk a little bit about your family 9 best thing would be let's get a copy or this and 9 medical history and try to get through this as we'll mark this as an exhibit. I'm not sure if this 10 efficiently as we can. Have you had either a parent 10 11 is it or not, quite frankly, but we'll.... 11 or a grandparent, a brother, a sister, or a child --12 (OFF THE RECORD.) 12 okay? So that's immediate family. MR. WIENER: All right. While we were 13 A. Uh-huh. 13 14 off the record Brandon Dorsey advised me that the Q. Parent, grandparent, brother, sister, or 14 15 Page Kruger firm does not have in its files the 15 children who have had any significant heart problems Opt-Out Form that Ms. Stallings may have signed but like heart murmur, heart attack, heart valve 16 16 17 that the form is most probably with the Colom Law problems, heart disease? Anybody in your family 17 18 Firm. 18 with that kind of history? 19 MR. DORSEY: Correct. 19 A. My father had a heart attack. Okay. When was that? 20 MR. WIENER: And we'll follow up with 20 0. that after the deposition. In the meantime, I think 21 21 Α. This was in 1999. 22 you're having copied for me the form that 22 Q. All right. And how old was he at the 23 Ms. Stallings filled out for the national settlement 23 time? 24 litigation. 24 Α. Fifty-three. 25 MR. DORSEY: Correct. 25 And what became of that? O. Page 155 Page 157 MR. WIENER: All right. Let's go ahead 1 1 Α. Well, he had surgery and he ended up 2 and get that marked as the next exhibit. This is 2 having another heart attack. 3 3 the Blue Form Diet Drug Settlement with American Is he still alive? Q. 4 Home Products Corporation, and I believe it was 4 No, he died. He died --Α. signed by Ms. Stallings on March 2 -- I'm sorry, 5 5 I'm sorry. Q. 6 March 12 of 2003. 6 Α. -- of a heart attack. 7 (EXHIBIT NO. 7 MARKED.) 7 Okay. When did he pass away? Q. 8 MR. WIENER: 8 2001, July. A. 9 Q. All right. Ms. Stallings, I'm going to 9 Q. And where did he live? 10 try and move as quickly as I can. I know it's 10 He had moved here, Macon, Mississippi. Α. taking awhile to get here. I appreciate your 11 11 What was your father's name? Q. 12 working with me. 12 Α. Chris Macon. 13 Have you kept papers and records about 13 Q. Chris Macon? 14 your diet drug prescriptions? Is there a place in 14 Uh-huh. Α. 15 your house where you've kept a file? 15 And your understanding of his health Ο. 16 Α. No. 16 problems was that he had suffered heart attacks? 17 Q. Okay. The information sheets that have 17 Α. 18 come from the pharmacy when you got your 18 Q. Do you know anything more specific than prescriptions filled, have you kept those? 19 19 that? 20 A. No, I don't have none of that. 20 Α. That's all I know. That was the cause of 21 Did you meet with anyone or talk with 21 the death. 22 anyone, other than Mr. Dorsey, in preparing for this 22 Q. Who was his main treating physician for 23 deposition today? 23 his heart problems? 24 Α. No. 24 A. Oh, God, I don't know. He went to this 25 25 Q. Did you review any particular documents cardiac -- I can't talk. Say it for me. The

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4	called it right.	4	
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6	weight? Was he overweight?	6	·
7	A. Yes, he's overweight.	7	
8	Q. What was his height and weight before he	8	
9	had his first heart attack?	9	•
10	A. I don't know how much he weighed but I	10	• , , ,
11	know he was overweight. He was about seven one.	11	
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13	O'Neal's size.	13	,
14	A. Oops. Oops. No, that's a big one. No,	14	
15	no, no, no. He wasn't quite that tall. He tall,	15	3
16	but he's	16	
17	Q. He was a big man?	17	,
18	A. He was a big, tall man. But seven one is	18	
19	stretching it. That's too tall. Maybe six six. He	19	•
20	was tall.	20	
21	Q. A big man?	21	
22	A. Yes.	22	
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24	Q. And overweight?	24	
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2	it making you tired and	2	Q.	How long did you do that?
3	A. Well, I be tired a lot.	3	Q. A.	I did that three months.
4	Q. Okay. What else?	4		
5		5	Q.	Okay.
	A. Like I said, I don't know is the weight		Α.	About three months.
6	connected to it or the pills, but the shortness of	6	Q.	And was it effective?
7	breath. I can't really say it's the weight.	7	. A.	Oh, yes, it worked. I just gained it
8	Q. I understand. But you're concerned that	8	back.	
9	the shortness of breath might have been caused by	9	Q.	It's just hard to stay on it?
10	the diet drug medication. And then, again, you're	10	Α.	Yes, yes.
11	concerned that your weight condition may be causing	11	Q.	So when did you do that in 2003?
12	you to be short of breath too?	12	Α.	Oh, gosh. Dates is my big problem. I
13	A. It could be. I don't know.	13	believe	it was February until May.
14	MR. WIENER: I've gotten a note to call	14	Q.	All right. Have you done anything else
15	me secretary right away. So I assume it's important.	15	other th	
16	And I'm just going to take a short break.	16	A.	That was the last thing I did, that one.
17	(OFF THE RECORD.)	17	Q.	Okay. Had you previously been to a
18	MR. WIÈNER:	18	•	Watchers of Jenny Craig type program?
19	Q. All right. Thank you. And again, my	19	Α.	Years ago I went to Nutri Slim
20	apologies to all concerned for that last	20	NutriSy	
21	interruption.	21	Q.	Where was that located?
22	Ms. Stallings, have we covered today all	22	Q. A.	In Columbus.
23	of the different methods that you've tried to	23		
1	•		Q.	How long were you in that program?
24 25	regulate your weight since your visit to Dr. Conner	24	A.	I didn't stay in that long. About a
23	in 1992? In other words, you've been on medication,	25	monun (or two. About two months at the most.
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Okay. Okay. Good.

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Page 166 Page 168 1 A. It was benign. anything. I just told them I didn't want to do 2 Q. You had presented -- you had a mass of 2 anything. I just went home and went to sleep. I some kind in your left breast? 3 didn't let them do anything, other than that test. 3 4 A. Yes. 4 Q. Did you have any follow-up with 5 Q. After the biopsy it was determined to be 5 Dr. Haider? 6 benign and you needed no further treatment? 6 A. Huh-uh. 7 7 Q. So just that one visit? 8 Q. Have you had any further problems in that 8 Α. 9 regard? 9 Q. He didn't give you any medication? 10 A. No. 10 Α. Huh-uh. 11 Q. All right. I'm looking at some records 11 Ο. Bear with me. Okay. Now, other than from the Primary Care Clinic in Macon, and this is I 12 12 going in for that biopsy on your left breast, have think from May 29 of '01. And there is a Dr. Haider you ever been hospitalized? 13 listed on here, H-a-i-d-e-r. Let me show -- these 14 14 A. No more than childbirth. are records that we got from Noxubee General 15 15 O. Okav. Just childbirth? 16 Hospital. The date of the record custodian's 16 Uh-huh. A. 17 affidavit is November 6, 2003. Let me show this to Have you ever had any other occasions 17 18 Brandon. than that episode in 2001 when you had heart 18 19 Ms. Stallings, this record indicates that 19 palpitations where you had to go to the emergency 20 you were an outpatient at Noxubee General on May 29 20 room? of 2001, and the symptom that you presented with 21 21 A. I think I went once for -- it wasn't according to this record is palpitations and that 22 22 nothing serious. Just a cyst under my arm. I had 23 you did see a Dr. Haider. Do you recall that 23 to go get that cut because it was hurting bad. 24 episode? Do you remember going to the hospital or Q. I remember seeing some records where 24 25 to the clinic in Macon with complaints of 25 someone maybe suspected it might have even been an Page 167 Page 169 palpitation in 2001? 1 1 insect bite. 2 Α. Yes. 2 A. Yes, I thought it was. 3 What do you remember --3 Did that resolve? Was there any problems Q. 4 MR. WIENER: Let me get this record 4 with that? 5 marked as the next exhibit. Let's give the reporter 5 No problem with that either. Α. 6 a moment to do that. 6 You just had a place up under your left 7 (EXHIBIT NO. 8 MARKED.) 7 arm in the left armpit region that was giving you 8 MR. WIENER: 8 trouble? 9 Q. What do you remember about that episode? 9 A. Right. 10 A. I was in church and I had sudden, real 10 Q. And all that resolved? 11 fast heartbeat and I collapsed, you know. Yes. Yes. And once my back -- I hurt my 11 12 O. All right. 12 back, and I went to the emergency room for that. 13 A. And I had to go by ambulance to the 13 About when was that? Q. 14 emergency room. 14 I believe that was way back, like '89, '90. Α. Q. And do you remember seeing Dr. Haider on 15 15 Q. Okav. 16 that occasion? Somewhere along in there. 16 A. 17 A. I think it was him. I'm not really sure. 17 Have you ever had any surgery? Q. 18 Q. Okay. Well, that's what the note 18 Just tubal ligation. That's not really Α. 19 indicates, H-a-i-d-e-r. 19 they did it laser. 20 A. Yes. 20 Uh-huh. Tubal ligation? Q. 21 And what did he do for you? 21 Yes. Α.

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2	covered all of the surgeries and hospitalizations	2	medications? I'm sure you've heard of those.
3	that you've had?	3	A. Yes, I've heard of them.
4	A. As far as I can think, yes.	4	Q. But you've never taken anything like
5	Q. Have you ever been told that your	5	that?
6	cholesterol was high?	6	A. No, I've never taken them.
7	A. No.	7	Q. Okay. All right. Because I've got to do
8	Q. So far as you know is it okay?	8	my job I've got to ask you, have you ever used
9	A. Yes.	9	illegal or illicit drugs?
10	Q. And have you been diagnosed with any	10	A. No.
11	other medical problems that we haven't talked about	11	
		12	Q. Okay. What about any intravenous drugs?
12	today, thyroid or stroke, you know, rheumatic fever,		A. What is that?
13	hepatitis, you name it?	13	Q. Drugs that are injected into your
14	A. No.	14	A. Oh, no.
15	Q. Have we talked about all of your medical	15	Q bloodstream.
16	conditions	16	A. No.
17	A. Yes.	17	Q. Now, you might have I think you told
18	Q thus far?	18	me you might have had an EKG on the occasion in 2001
19	A. Yes.	19	when you had the heart palpitations.
20	Q. And right now you're not under any	20	A. Yes.
21	doctors' care?	21	Q. You've told me you had the one
22	A. No.	22	echocardiogram in April of '01. That's the only one
23	Q. You're not regularly seeing a physician?	23	you've had. Right?
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Page 178 Page 180 1 only thing on it? Q. Okay. So that, I guess, is one that you 1 2 MR. WIENER: Yes. The only thing on 2 had filled at another store? there is 4/27/95, Douglas Conner, Fastin, 30 3 3 A. At another store, yes. 4 milligrams. And then same date, 4/27/95, Douglas 4 Q. At another place? 5 Conner, hydrochlorothiazide, 256 -- I'm sorry, 25 5 A. Yes. 6 milligrams. Go ahead, Ken. I'm sorry. 6 Ο. Okay. And then the next record in MR. MANSFIELD: Sure. Thank you. 7 7 Dr. Henson's records is June 7, '99, and that --8 MR. MANSFIELD: 8 just like the April 6 it has phentermine, 30 9 Q. All right. Ms. Stallings, do you have 9 milligrams typed in and then crossed out, and Adipex is written in handwriting above it. Correct? 10 Dr. Henson's records and the K-Mart pharmacy record 10 11 there? 11 A. Right. Uh-huh. 12 A. Yes. Yes, I do. 12 Q. And then there is a prescription for According to Dr. Henson's records, he 13 Q. 13 phentermine 37.5 milligrams that was filled at the prescribed phentermine at 30 milligrams phentermine 14 14 K-Mart pharmacy on that date, 6/7/99. Correct? 15 for you the first time on February 8, 1999. 15 A. That's right. Correct? 16 16 That's the one that we're looking at on Ο. 17 A. Right. 17 this pharmacy record. That's the one that is 18 Q. And that was filled it appears at the 18 referred to in Dr. Henson's record as Adipex. 19 K-Mart pharmacy. Correct? 19 A. Okav. 20 A. Yes. 20 Ο. As far as you know that's correct. 21 Q. Okay. Then he prescribed 30 milligram 21 Right? 22 phentermine on March 8, 1999. Correct? 22 Α. Yes. 23 A. That's correct. 23 Okay. Now, do you remember what that Q. 24 Q. And that's also shown as having been 24 pill looked like? 25 filled at the K-Mart pharmacy. Correct? 25 A. That pill was a capsule with beads inside Page 179 Page 181 1 Α. That's right. it. Blue and white with the little beads inside. I Q. And then there's -- the next prescription 2 2 think I'm right. I'm not sure. 3 was April 6, 1999, and it appears that that was 3 Q. Okay. You think but you're not sure? typed in again as a 30 milligram phentermine but 4 4 Tell me this: Do you know whether that pill -- and 5 then somebody crossed out and handwrote on the I'm talking about the one that you got filled on 5 record Adipex. 6 6 June 7, '99 -- was the same as the one you had 7 A. Okav. 7 gotten the previous month or rather two months Q. Correct? Is that what you see? 8 8 earlier prescribed on April 6, 1999? And tell me if you understand my question. 9 A. Wait a minute. That's on the doctor's 9 10 record or the.... What are we looking at now? 10 A. Okay. MR. DORSEY: Are you talking about the 11 11 MR. DORSEY: Let me just object to the 12 doctor's record? 12 form of the question. I think it's kind of 13 MR. MANSFIELD: Yes. 13 confusing. And also, I also want to object -- I 14 MR. DORSEY: All right. Are you talking mean, she's repeatedly said, you know, she really 14 15 about -- which page? Which date? 15 didn't remember what the pill looked like. I mean, 16 MR. MANSFIELD: April 6, 1999. 16 the pharmacy records are here and the pharmacy 17 17 A. Okay. record clearly distinguishes, you know, what she was 18 MR. DORSEY: All right. We got it. 18 prescribed on a particular date. So I think any 19 MR. MANSFIELD: 19 repeated questions as to what the pill looked like I 20 Q. Am I correct that's what that shows? think is really useless. I mean, she said that she 20 21 A. Yes, that's what it shows. 21 don't really remember. 22 Q. Okay. And there's not a prescription 22 MR. MANSFIELD: Well, Brandon, I 23 filled for that date on this K-Mart pharmacy 23 appreciate that, but that's what I started with, and 24 record. Correct? 24 she corrected me and told me that she did remember 25 A. Okay. That's correct. 25 what some of them looked like, and that's the reason

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I'm going through this exercise.

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- But my question at this point is whether or not she knows whether this pill that she got on 6/7/99 which is referred in Dr. Henson's records as Adipex whether or not that pill appeared to her to be the same pill that she was -- that she received two months earlier that was prescribed on April 6, 1999, and also referred to in Dr. Henson's records as Adipex.
- MR. DORSEY: If you don't know you don't know.
 - A. I don't know.

14 MR. MANSFIELD:

- Q. Okay. All right. The prescription that you got from Dr. Dean Haider in Macon, do you remember where that was filled?
 - A. That was City Drugstore.
- Q. All right. Do you remember what that was or what it looked like?
- A. I remember it was phentermine and it was blue and clear with the beads inside.
- 23 Okay. All right. And those are all of the diet drugs you've gotten -- right? -- those from 24 25 Dr. Conner, Dr. Haider, and Dr. Henson?

whatever v'all call it. 1

> Okay. Are you aware of anybody who has ever been damaged or harmed by taking either phentermine or Adipex?

MR. DORSEY: Before she answers let me object to the form of the question.

MR. MANSFIELD: Okay.

MR. DORSEY: You can answer it.

A. Okav. Yes.

MR. MANSFIELD:

- Q. Okay. Tell me about that.
- 12 A. I might need to change that. I don't know which pill. All I know is I had a friend to 13 14 die from taking it and another one had to have 15 surgery.
 - Q. Okav.
- 17 A. And I don't know which one of the pills 18 it was.
- 19 Q. Okay. You don't know if it was actually 20 phentermine or Adipex or if they may have taken 21 something else?
- 22 A. I don't know.
 - Okay. All right. Thank you, Q.
- 24 Ms. Stallings.
 - A. You're welcome.

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- Yes. A.
- 2 Q. Okay. And as far as Adipex is concerned, 3 the ones that you got from Dr. Conner I believe you said were oval, white with blue specks.
 - A. Right.
 - And the ones you got from Dr. Henson you don't really remember what they looked like.
 - A. Right.
- 9 And I'm talking about the Adipex. Q.
- 10 A. Right.
 - Thanks. Now, has anybody -- and I'm talking about any doctor or medical personnel or professional ever told you that you had been harmed or damaged in any way by your taking Adipex?
 - A.
 - Has any doctor or other medical professional ever told you that you have been damaged or harmed in any way by taking phentermine?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Okay. And am I correct -- and I'm going 21 off of your testimony earlier -- that your basis for believing that you may have been harmed stems from 22 what you saw out of your court file? 23
 - A. And the way I'm feeling now with the shortness of breath and the heart palpitations,

MR. WIENER: Ken, before the next attorney goes it occurred to me maybe we should make the pharmacy records an exhibit since we both talked about them.

MR. MANSFIELD: Yes, please do. I thought they had been.

MR. WIENER: Yes. The next exhibit is going to be the printout we got from K-Mart pharmacy No. 7435 in Mobile. And it's the sheet that you've been asking Ms. Stallings about together with the information sheets for phentermine capsules and the potassium chloride capsules. And I'll show those to Brandon first. Let's get this marked as the next exhibit.

(EXHIBIT NO. 9 MARKED.)

MR. WIENER: All right. And then the next exhibit -- that was just marked as Exhibit No. 9. The next exhibit is from the Food Max Super Center in Starkville, Mississippi, a cover letter from Bruno's Supermarkets and then the printout on the last page which has 0005 in the right-hand corner. This shows the prescriptions issued by Dr. Douglas Conner on 4/27/95 which is the Fastin 30 milligrams and the hydrochlorothiazide 25 milligrams that I talked about earlier.

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1	MR. MANSFIELD: All right. And we don't	1	in Starkville.
2	have any pharmacy records from City Drugstore.	2	Q. Okay. You only picked up your
3	Correct?	3	prescriptions for Fastin at the Food Max?
4	MR. WIENER: I don't. And I don't think	4	A. And one or two at City Drugs.
5	any have been produced here today.	5	Q. Okay. Anywhere else?
6	MR. MANSFIELD: All right. That's all I	6	A. That's it.
7	have.	7	Q. Have you had any conversations with any
8	EXAMINATION	8	representative of SmithKline Beacham Corporation?
9	BY MS. WALKER:	9	A. No.
10	Q. This is Molly Walker. Ms. Stallings, can	10	Q. Have you ever received any correspondence
11	you hear me?	11	or written materials from SmithKline Beacham
12	A. Yes, I can.	12	Corporation?
13	Q. I represent SmithKline Beacham	13	A. No.
14	Corporation. I have a few questions for you, mainly	14	MS. WALKER: That's all I have. Thank
15	about Fastin. Now, from your medical records it	15	you.
16	looks like you were prescribed Fastin four times:	16	EXAMINATION
17	On February 13 of 1992, March 12 of 1993, April 26	17	BY MS. LIND:
18	of 1993, and April 27 of 1995, all by Dr. Conner.	18	Q. This is Kaara Lind. Can you hear me?
19	Do you know of any other times that you received	19	A. Yes, I can.
20	prescriptions for Fastin?	20	Q. The phentermine that was prescribed to
21	A. Not that I can remember.	21	you by Dr. Henson on July I mean, excuse me, on
22	Q. Do you remember what the Fastin looked	22	June 18, 2001, do you recall what that phentermine
23	like?	23	looked like?
24	A. No, I don't.	24	A. I'm thinking it was blue, the clear with
25	 Q. Do you remember if it looked like any of 	25	the beads inside.
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2	the other pills that you took? A. I don't remember.	1 2	
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I can't do all of that now.

- Q. Okay. You also -- you also indicated that you may have experienced some symptoms of dizziness as well.
 - A. Yes.

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- Ο. Okay. The shortness of breath that you experienced, do you more frequently experience it in the morning time or in the nighttime?
- A. Shortness of breath, basically during the whole day.
- Q. Okay. 11
 - A. It's just during the whole day.
- 13 Q. Okay. All right,
- A. Different times in the day. 14
 - Q. Have you -- have you received any medical attention for the shortness of breath?
 - A. No. I haven't.
 - O. Is there any reason why you have not received medical attention?
 - A. I have a big fear of having heart surgery because I had to watch my father go through it, and I got a big fear of might having to do that, and I have to support my kids.
- O. Okay. Just moments ago Mr. Wiener asked 24 25 you a question about -- well, I'm not sure if

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- A. None of them did.
- Did any pharmacist advise you as to any side effects that may be associated with the ingestion of diet drugs?
 - A. No, they didn't.
- O. Okav. Also, earlier in your deposition you indicated that another symptom of taking diet drugs is that you experience a loss of sexual drive. Is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
 - All right. Q.

MR. WIENER: I'm sorry. Could you say 13 14 your question again.

15 MR. DORSEY: Let's get the court reporter to read it back. 16

MR. WIENER: Yes, I just --

MR. DORSEY: To make sure it's accurate.

19 THE COURT REPORTER: Earlier in your 20 deposition you indicated that another symptom of taking diet drugs is that you experienced a loss of 21

22 sexual drive. Is that correct?

23 MR. WIENER: All right. And I'm going to 24 object to the form because similar to my previous objection I don't think Ms. Stallings has in her own 25

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- 1 Mr. Weiner asked you or if another attorney asked you what knowledge you have with respect to other 2
- people taking diet drugs. You indicated that a 3
- 4 friend of yours had passed away.
- 5 A. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. And what was your friend's name?
- 7 A. Angela Harris.
 - Q. And you knew Ms. Harris to have taken diet drugs?
 - A. Yes.
 - Okay. How did it make you feel when Ms. Harris passed away?
 - A. Well, I felt very worried that it could happen to me and what would my kids do without me being there. So I had to more or less just take action. And if this caused a problem, at least my kids -- if I don't be around to see it my kids would be able to. It will help them.
- Q. When you were initially -- well, whenever 19 20 you were prescribed diet drugs, did any physician discuss with you any side effects that may come with 21 22 taking the diet drugs?
 - None of them did. A.
- 24 Did any physician advise you that 25
 - shortness of breath may be a side effect of taking

testimony told us that she reached the conclusion in

- 2 her own mind that diet drugs caused her any symptoms.
- 3 I understood her testimony to be that she is
- 4 concerned based on what she has heard and read and
- 5 other people's experiences she is concerned that
- 6 diet drugs may have caused her symptoms. And on
- 7 that basis I'm objecting that you're
- 8 mischaracterizing her testimony.
- 9 MR. DORSEY:

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- Q. Ms. Stallings, before taking diet drugs did you experience a loss or a decrease in sexual drive?
- A. No.
- Q. Okay. After you ingested diet drugs did you experience a loss or decrease in sexual drive?
 - A. Yes.
- Okay. The loss or decrease in your sexual drive, what effect, if any, did it have on your marriage?
- 20 A. It resulted in him leaving a few times. 21 We separated twice.
- 22 Q. Okay. And how long did those periods of 23 separation last?
 - A. Once for six months and one two months.
 - Okay. Have you and your husband now

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A. No.

diagnosed you with having high blood pressure?

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Page 194 Page 196 since reconciled? 1 1 Q. All right. Mr. Wiener also asked you 2 2 some questions about your echocardiogram that was A. Yes. 3 Earlier in your testimony you indicated performed I think in April '01 I think. Here it is. O. 3 4 that you operated as a hairstylist. 4 It's been marked as Exhibit No. 5 to your deposition. 5 Yes. Α. 5 Do you remember testifying about that exhibit? 6 Q. And you have your own business. 6 A. Yes. 7 7 Α. Q. All right. In April of '01, 8 Q. And earlier you testified that you have 8 Ms. Stallings, were you experiencing shortness of 9 experienced shortness of breath. 9 breath? 10 Α. Yes. 10 A. Yes. 11 O. Is that correct? 11 Q. Okay. Since April of '01 have your 12 Α. Yes. 12 experiences of shortness of breath -- have they 13 My question to you, ma'am, is how has -increased or have they decreased or are they 13 14 how have the experiences of shortness of breath generally about the same? 14 affected if at all your performance at work? 15 15 A. They've increased. 16 A. I had to kind of cut the clientele in 16 Q. They've increased? 17 half. Where I used to do so many a day I had to cut 17 Α. Yes. 18 them down to like eight -- anywhere from eight to 18 Q. In April of 2001 when you underwent the 19 nine a day and cut my hours because I used to work 19 echocardiogram, were you experiencing chest pains? until two in the morning. But due to this I have to 20 20 A. At that time I wasn't. 21 stop doing it. 21 All right. Since April of 2001 have your 22 Q. Earlier Mr. Wiener was asking you some 22 episodes or experiences of chest pain, have they 23 questions about a prescription you may have received increased, decreased, or basically stayed the same? 23 24 for high blood pressure, and it was later noted that 24 A. Increased. 25 that medication was also used as a diuretic as 25 MR. DORSEY: Okay. I believe that's Page 195 Page 197 1 well. 1 all. 2 Uh-huh. Α. 2 **FURTHER EXAMINATION** 3 Q. When you were prescribed these 3 BY MR. WIENER: medications was it your understanding that you had 4 4 Q. I just have a little follow-up to what 5 been diagnosed with high blood pressure? 5 Mr. Dorsey asked you, Ms. Stallings. When was it 6 Α. No. 6 that you began to cut back on your clientele at your 7 Okay. When you were provided that 7 hairstyling place? 8 medication -- when you were provided that medication 8 A. It started about midway of 2002. what was your understanding as to why you were being 9 9 Okay. And you say as of today you've cut given that in addition to the diet drugs? 10 10 back to where your clientele is approximately half Well, it wasn't explained to me. I 11 of what it was before you started cutting back in --11 12 thought it was just a combination drug for diet. I 12 A. Pretty much. 13 didn't know it was a different -- whole different 13 Q. -- mid 2002? 14 one. 14 A. Pretty much. 15 Okay. All right. So it's your testimony 15 And in terms of numbers, tell me how that Q. 16 that the physician who prescribed it to you he 16 shakes out on a daily or weekly basis when you say 17 didn't describe or explain to you what the purpose 17 it's half of your former clientele. 18 for the meds were? 18 A. On a weekly basis? 19 A. No, he didn't. No, he didn't. O. Yes. Or daily. Whatever is the most 19 20 But it was your understanding that it was Q. 20 reliable number that you can give me. for --21 21 A. I do anywhere between eight to nine heads 22 Just weight. -- customers a day. Α. 22 23 Q. Okay. And to this day has any physician Q. All right. You're seeing eight or nine 23

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Page 198 Page 200 1 You tell me what you're talking about. records -- your bank records -- and they're in your 2 Α. Per day --2 personal name -- right? --3 Q. Yes. 3 A. Uh-huh. 4 -- I do eight to nine clients. Α. 4 Q. -- the name of Brenda Stallings, we would 5 Okay. Where you used to do 16 or 17? 5 Q. see a drop in the deposits because you don't see as 6 Where I used to do 16 and sometime 20. many people as you used to? A. 6 7 A. It should show that, yes. Q. And you started cutting back in mid 2002? 7 8 A. Uh-huh. 8 Do you -- have you filed federal and 9 Q. Was it gradual or was that a time when 9 state income tax returns for the year 2002 and 2003? you kind of cut it in half? 10 10 Yes. Α. A. Well, it was gradual. And around about 11 11 Q. Okay. And do you feel comfortable that 12 2003 it just went -- I just got to cut if off 12 your tax returns also show a drop in your gross 13 because.... 13 revenue over what it was in years' past? 14 Q. And so ever since sometime in 2003 you've 14 Α. Yes. been seeing eight or nine customers a day where you 15 15 Q. Okay. Is there any particular clients or 16 used to see 16, 17, even 20? 16 people that you work with that are familiar with 17 A. Yes. what you're talking about and what we've been 17 18 Ο. All right. What sort of records do you talking about in terms of you cutting back on your have in your business that would corroborate the 19 19 clientele? In other words, who else is aware that number of clients that you have seen? 20 you've cut back? Who are some people that I could 20 21 I have the sign in, where they sign in. talk to that would say oh, yes, I know Ms. Stallings 21 22 Q. You've got an appointment book? 22 has cut back in the last couple of years. 23 Α. Yes. 23 A. Well, I didn't explain why I did it. I 24 What else? How do you -- what about 24 don't know. I don't know. 25 your -- how do you account for your business? Do 25 Q. Oh, you're not sure of anybody who could Page 199 Page 201 you get paid in cash --1 1 -- who knows about that? 2 Α. Yes. 2 No, not and just verify it straight off. 3 Q. -- as well as in -- by checks? 3 MR. WIENER: That's all I've got. 4 A. Cash and checks. 4 Anybody else have any other questions? 5 Q. Cash and checks. Do you also take credit Maybe before we get through I just wanted 5 6 cards? to confirm some of the follow-up items because it's 6 7 A. No. 7 Wyeth's position that we are adjourning this 8 You do not? Ο. deposition. It's my hope that we won't have to 8 9 Α. bring you back, Ms. Stallings. Certainly, I'll do 9 10 Ο. And do you deposit the moneys that you 10 everything possible to avoid that. Never the less, 11 receive in a certain bank account? there's a couple of records that are missing that we 11 12 Α. Yes. Just in my personal account. may want to question Ms. Stallings about further. 12 13 Q. Okay. It all goes into personal 13 And, as I said, hopefully, we won't have to do it. 14 accounts? 14 If it has to be done, hopefully, it will be short. 15 A. Yes. 15 We won't go over anything we've already discussed. 16 And where do you maintain your personal Q. 16 But here's what I've got. First of all, 17 account? 17 I think in Dr. Conner's records there's some 18 A. At Citizens National Bank. question whether we've got his complete records as 18 19 Q. In? we go from '92 to '93. So we'll follow up with his 19 20 Macon. Α. 20 office about that. We don't have the record of 21 And do you -- have you -- before I get Ms. Stallings seeing Dr. Haider for weight loss in 21 22 off of that, have you maintained an account at 22 1998. We don't -- we haven't had the benefit today 23 Citizens Bank in Macon since prior to 2002? 23 of looking at her Opt-Out form. And Brandon has 24 Α. Yes. advised that that is probably with the Colom Law 24 25

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Firm. We don't have the records from the City

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Page 202 Page 204 1 CERTIFICATE 1 Drugstore in Macon. 2 2 And I think, also, Brandon, if I, KELLYE S. SHOWS, Court Reporter and 3 Notary Public, Madison County, Mississippi, hereby 3 Ms. Stallings is making a claim actually for lost certify that the foregoing pages contain a full, 4 4 wages associated with her taking of diet drugs then true and correct transcript of the testimony of 5 5 it seems to me with we'd be entitled to whatever Brenda Stallings as taken by me by means of 6 documents might pertain to that or support that 6 7 Stenograph machine at the time and place heretofore 7 which would include her bank records. stated in the aforementioned matter and later reduced 8 And again, Ms. Stallings, not trying to 9 to transcript form by me to the best of my skill and pry into your personal life, but if you make this an 9 10 ability. issue in the case I think we're entitled to those 10 11 I further certify that I placed the witness 11 records. 12 under oath to truthfully answer all questions in this 12 A. I'll go on the record saving I'm not matter under the authority vested in me by the State 13 making a claim for it. I had not initially done it 13 14 of Mississippi. and I'm not making a claim for it. 14 15 I further certify that I am not related 15 MR. WIENER: All right. So you're not 16 to or in any way associated with any of the parties making a claim for lost wages? 16 17 to said cause of action, or their counsel, and that 17 Right. I'm not. I am not interested in the event hereof. 18 18 MR. DORSEY: And I'm not sure that, you 19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set know, that that's been pled either, but I just --19 20 my hand this the 9th day of July, 2004. you know, in the course of the deposition I just 20 21 21 wanted to, you know, bring out that because of her 22 shortness of breath how it affected her work not so 22 Kellye S. Shows, C.S.R. much to make a claim for lost wages because, again, 23 23 #1290 I'm not sure if that's been pled. But I just wanted 24 24 My Commission Expires January 15, 2008 25 to make that clear on the record. 25 Page 203 1 MR. WIENER: All right. Well, I think 2 it's -- Ms. Stallings has said that it's her 3 intention not to make a claim for lost wages, and I would think that would be binding on her. To the 4 5 extent that her attorneys don't regard that as 6 binding and you intend to present a claim for lost wages, then we would request production of 7 Ms. Stallings' bank records I would think back to 8 9 the year 2000 along with her federal and state tax 10 returns to the present. But Ken and Molly and Kaara, are there 11 any other missing or follow-up items that I didn't 12 13 mention a moment ago? MS. WALKER: I think you covered it. 14 MR. MANSFIELD: Yes. The only other 15 16 thing would be if we can figure out what drugstore 17 she had prescriptions filled out in Mobile, and then, obviously, we're missing some before April '95. 18 19 MR. WIENER: Yes. 20 MR. MANSFIELD: That's it.

MR. WIENER: Okay. Well, we'll try to

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follow up on that ourselves. Thank you all.

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